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1978: YEAR OF RUIN OR A NEW BEGINNING?

Australian soccer is entering a year of transition. Will it surge forward or slide downhill?

Will the Socceroos' failure to reach the World Cup final wreck soccer's bid for recognition alongside the big winter sports?

Will attendances at Philips League matches drop now that the novelty has worn off?

On the other hand, will soccer's leaders come up with the right formula for success?

Will a new determination rise from the ashes of our international failure?

And what of the lower leagues? How will they fare?

To find out the answers to these and other questions, "Soccer Action" surveyed Australia's leading soccer personalities — administrators, players and coaches.

We asked each of them: What do you consider to be the major challenges facing soccer in 1978?

The reactions ranged from pessimism to optimism but most of the people we surveyed had positive suggestions to put forward.

Here is what they said:

PETER McCANN (five years president of the NSW Federation before retiring late last year):

The greatest challenge facing us is the creation of a new national team. To do this we should first form an under 21 team, and we must do so straight away.

NSW had a young team under coach **Joe Visalta** last year. It played a draw with our World Cup side and it's important that these young players be kept together.

Other States should do likewise. Players of 21 would be 25 or 26 at the time of the next World Cup.

Each State should assemble under 21 squads, coached by top coaches once a week. The best of these would then go into a national under 21 squad.

It would show our present 16 and 18-year-olds that there is, after all, something to aim at in Australian soccer.

Improvement of coaching for youngsters is another priority in 1978.

I suggest each State director of coaching should appoint a panel of expert players or former players who would work on a roster system. Clubs could then send their best 16 to 18-year-olds for specialised coaching once a week.

Let's face it, club coaches don't really have the time to spend correcting technique. Yet the very promising young boys won't get very far if they do have basic faults.

There's room for improvement in the national coaching scheme.

Side issues and personality clashes haven't helped, particularly in NSW, where there's been conflict between the established coaches and **Eric Worthington**, the national coaching director.

I can't see why we are following the British system of coaching rather than the Continental or South American system, since it's been proved that the British style is dragging behind Europe in particular.

In the curriculum of our national coaching courses we should make sure there is room for individualism, for flair, for new ideas.



Peter McCann

Croatia to tour U. S.

Sydney Croatia will tour the United States and Canada this year, at the expense of Toronto team Metros Croatia.

The NSW champion will play nine games in cities including Los Angeles, Vancouver, Toronto, New York and Chicago.

The tour will be between July 15 and August 15.

Croatia president **Tony Basic** said: "We are awaiting final fixtures of the NSW and US competitions before we can plan our itinerary in exact detail."

"We hope to play night games in Sydney to make up any league matches we would otherwise miss."

Croatia paid part of the expenses towards Metros' Australian tour in 1976.

Now the Canadian team, which won the 1976 NASL championship, is to replay the compliment.

It will be the most extensive overseas tour undertaken by an Australian club, and the first to the US.

St. George played in Japan in 1970 and Western Suburbs has visited the Pacific.



Dimitrios Domazos being chaired off the field after playing for Atromitos in Melbourne.

Greece may meet 'Roos

The Australian Soccer Federation will decide at a meeting on February 18 whether it will field a national team against Greece in June.

It will also decide when to appoint a new national coach.

Greece will play in Melbourne on June 11, Adelaide on June 14 and Sydney on June 18.

The Greeks have assured the ASF they will send their strongest available team of A internationals, giving the ASF a perfect opportunity to promote a three-match series of full international matches.

It would also provide the ASF with incentive to appoint a new coach as quickly as possible. It is rumored a top-class man from the continent is under consideration.

The contract of former coach **Jim Shoulder** expired after Australia's unsuccessful attempt to reach the World Cup finals.

The visit by Greece is likely to break attendance records for Australian soccer.

Despite our lower standing in world soccer, Australia has a favorable record against Greece.

Of their four meetings so far (during Greece's Australian tour in 1969 and Australia's visit to Athens in 1970) Australia has won two, drawn one and lost one, for a goal average of 6:5.

Greece's most recent national team, in its 0-2 World Cup loss to Hungary, was: Constantinou, Kriestas (Eleftherakis), Nicolau, Firas, Jostidis, Tzazandis, Koudas, Anastasiadis, Papagiannou, Ardizoglou, Antoniadis.



Jim Shoulder



Dimitri Papaioannou



Antonis Antoniadis

Hopefully, most of these will be in the touring party.

Greece's first international success was in 1906 when it reached the final of the Olympic tournament, held in Greece, only to be thrashed 9-0 by Denmark.

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PUSKAS COACH

From page one

It's only international success since then was Panathinaikos' appearance in the European Cup final at Wembley in 1971.

Panathinaikos was then managed by the great Ferenc Puskas, yet the Greeks still lost 0-2 to Ajax Amsterdam.

During Panathinaikos' European Cup campaign, its 6ft. 4ins striker Antonis Antoniadis scored 10 goals and he has regularly been among the top scorers in Europe.

Together with Dimitrios Domazos, and the great Papadounou, Antoniadis ranks among the super stars of Greek soccer.

Domazos was seen here in 1976 as a guest while touring Atromitos, while Papadounou came the same year as a guest of Fitzroy Alexander.

Greece's manager Lakis Petropoulos has a policy of using men who are in form, regardless of age. This policy is likely to keep Domazos and Papadounou in the national team for quite some time.

Another challenge facing us is to win a larger share of the public over to soccer. People are becoming more and more apathetic to sport as a whole, and are interested only in glamorous, big time events.

If we don't come up with the right type of promotion, star names and sponsorship, we won't get the amount of spectators we need to make soccer a big-time sport. North America has found an effective system of sponsorship, we may not have as big a market as the Americans, but surely we could follow their lead on a smaller scale.



● Rale Rasic

RALE RASIC (coach of Marconi):

Our major problem is that we have too many imports of no more than average quality. Local players will never have a bright future unless local content quotas are introduced.

Per head of population Australia is among the world leaders in the number of juniors playing soccer but we are not producing the final

product for top senior soccer. The coaching system in this country must be reorganised. Instability must be replaced by better logic and uniformity.

Rather than changing coaches from year to year, clubs should appoint their man with their eyes wide open and then back him for three or more years. Look at what Cedo Cirkovic has done at J.U.S.T. over a long term, and look at the success Edmund Kroft has had at Adelaide Juventus.

The national team set-up must also be reorganised. Failure by the World Cup team affects the image of the code as a whole. It affects the amount of publicity given to the game and, inevitably, it will result in fewer people coming through the gates.

The national team must not be allowed to fail. It must win to breed success for the whole sport of soccer, and also to breed financial success through our share of the World Cup gates. Our prestige and image are at stake.

SIR ARTHUR GEORGE (president of the Australian Soccer Federation):



● Sir Arthur George



● George Wallace

Soccer's major challenges of 1978 are:

● To cement the Phillips League and have it better promoted. A promotions committee has been set up to this end.

● To devise a new national team policy. Australia is probably the only country in the region that still depends upon part-time players at national level.

● To restructure the top body in Australian soccer, to give representation to amateurs, junior bodies, women's soccer, referees and so on. To this end I propose the formation of a soccer council of Australia. To help set it up, we should call a meeting soon of State representatives of juniors, schoolboy organisations, church football bodies, coaches, referees and women.

Australia was only one of 128 nations that failed to qualify for the World Cup finals, so it's not as disastrous as all that, and I don't think our failure will have the effect of lowering spectator numbers.

GEORGE WALLACE (secretary, Victorian Soccer Federation):

Any challenges lie with the clubs and leagues themselves, especially the State and Metropolitan Leagues in the case of Victoria.

These leagues realise that they are competing with the Phillips league, so they will have to reach a high standard.

From the Federation's point of view, it was pleasing to receive a grant of \$22,000 from the State government for ground improvements.

To better meet the challenges of the future, VSF is organising itself so that it is no longer as dependent on income from tours which from now on will be only the icing on the cake.

As part of our drive to make the Federation self-sufficient, we have increased affiliation fees, Cup fees and administration fees.

Victoria is also faced with the task of having to appoint a new State director of coaching to replace Ron Smith who is returning home to England.

But the sport continues to thrive in Victoria and irrespective of Australia's World Cup results, the lower levels of the sport are booming.

Bendigo has come into the provisional League and the District League has admitted five new clubs: Vermont, Central City, Abbotsford, Cranbourne and Malvern City.



● Jimmy Rooney

JIMMY ROONEY (Socceroo forward of West Adelaide):

It's up to the players to get together to put a stop of exorbitant transfer fees.

I've thought of a players' union, and I'd be willing to go ahead if I had enough help.

We could get the basic ideas from Derek Dougan, who's president of the English players' union.

Our transfer fees definitely constitute restraint of trade. Eventually someone will go to court and win, meaning the whole system will be blown sky high.

Meanwhile, the players in the Phillips League will have to concentrate on being more entertaining in their play, so that more people will come to watch.

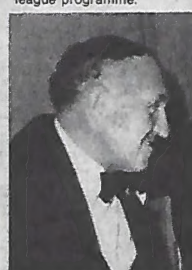
I don't think we'll lose support due to our World Cup failure, because there won't be as many distractions as there were last season when we had not only World Cup games but also the tournament against Celtic, Red Star and Arsenal.

Reduce imports, change the system

LES BORDACS (president, St. George Budapest): The greatest challenge facing Sydney clubs is definitely to improve their crowds. I hope that our move to a new ground will help St. George to draw more support.

The ground is at Barton Park, Rockdale, and we hope to name it after a sponsor. This week we will start building a grandstand for 3000 people.

The failure of our World Cup team could have a good effect on the Phillips League, for it means there won't be as many disruptions to the league programme.



● Les Bordacs

JIM MANGOPOULOS (president, Fitzroy Alexander):

Victorian clubs should be concerned with getting their own social clubs to augment their income, and to complete financially with the Sydney clubs which have the advantage of social clubs.

Alexander has a project under way at the Heidelberg Olympic Village where we intend to spend about \$300,000. We already have \$15,000 in a special building fund. We should be playing at Heidelberg in 1979. This year we'll stay at Olympic Park.

Better promotion for the Phillips League is imperative. At the moment I'm trying to get soccer involved in World Sports Expo '78 at the Exhibition Buildings from February 10 to 26.

There's talk of increasing Phillips League admission charges from \$2 to \$3. If that's done, let's allow wives and kids under 8 to attend free of charge, and children over 8 to pay only 40 cents.

People are coming back to soccer in South Australia, meaning they will also attend district games.

DR. BILL KYROS (new president of West Adelaide Hellas):

It is imperative that Phillips League clubs have access to local players at reasonable prices.

Some of the transfer fees that have been quoted result in Phillips League clubs over-extending themselves financially or in talented players being prevented from moving to a higher class of soccer.

Both effects are undesirable. Local players must be encouraged and they must have the chance to play top standard soccer without being hampered by unreasonable transfer fees.

And Phillips League clubs must find a way of overcoming the financial problems facing them if the League itself is to become a stable one.

JOHN KOSMINA (Socceroo forward of West Adelaide Hellas):

Australia's World Cup failure is bound to have an effect on crowds. Had we qualified for the finals, soccer would have been given a lot more publicity which would have drawn a lot more people to soccer.

A new national team must be formed virtually from scratch, for players like Peter Wilson, Jimmy Rooney and Jack Reilly won't be there by the time the next qualifying series comes around.



● John Kosmina

A young national team must be put together and kept together. It could get its first run against Greece mid-year. Let's not worry if it loses, even by 4-0 or 5-0. The players must be given the chance to grow together and reach their peak in 1981-82.

Better promotion will be required to keep the crowds with us and the big clubs will have to keep winning. West Adelaide, for example, lost about 4000 spectators when its early winning run stopped last year.

A sensible transfer set-up would be marvellous, so a players' union wouldn't be a bad idea.



● Jack Reilly

Soccer will never become a force in Australia unless, under guidance from the top, we draw up a 12-month plan, a two-year plan, a five-year plan, and a 15-year plan which we stick to.

Kuwait, Iran and South Korea have gone ahead in leaps and bounds while we have remained stationary.

I suggest an administrative management committee be set up at top level to make recommendations to State and national associations to cover all soccer levels from schools to national league.

Success is not some miraculous gift. It is the result of planning and hard work.

As for the Phillips League, this will be the crucial year. It was a new-born babe in 1977, so it was treated with kid gloves. Now it will have to stand on its own two feet.

As for the national team — forget its failure and let's look to the future. England failed twice to reach the World Cup finals. It now has a supremo with experts under him, reorganising things and reapplying attitudes. That will happen in Australia, hopefully with the right results.

SAM PAPASAVAS (president, South Melbourne Hellas):

The biggest overall problem is coaching. If we can't produce our own players in the very near future, we will never become a soccer force.

We have to either import better coaches or train our own coaches better, so we can reduce the number of imports.

I think we should compel the clubs to have a certain quota of local players in their senior team.

Australia's failure to qualify for the World Cup finals hasn't helped. Certainly the impetus of 1974 will be missing.

The standard of play must be improved this year and I'm glad to say that St. George, and Canberra will both have new grounds and that Brisbane's Perry Park will get a new stand.

TONY KOVAC (president, Footscray J.U.S.T.):

The financial recovery of all clubs must be our greatest concern. Without healthy clubs we do not have a healthy sport.

We, as soccer leaders, must therefore become more realistic and more professional. Many still have an amateur approach.

Those involved in soccer never expected the national team to reach the finals, so I don't think they will be disillusioned in any way.

However, our failure to get to Argentina will definitely affect publicity for the sport.

BRIAN LE FEVRE (general secretary, Australian Soccer Federation):

Greater media coverage of the Phillips League is most important, and we obviously need a far greater degree of professionalism from club administrators and players.

The public expects to see a better quality game. Obviously we have to work at getting our credibility back after the failure of the World Cup team.

The first step towards building a new national team could be the formation of a good under 19 squad for the Coca Cola world youth championships.

However, our task is extremely difficult in that competition.

If we beat Fiji and New Zealand in the Oceania group, we will also have to play off against Israel and the third-placed South American team before we qualify for the finals in Japan next year.

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Hajduk, Derby County to tour

Hajduk Split of Yugoslavia and Derby County of England will tour Australia in June-July.

The tours were organised by Victorian Soccer Federation chairman Mr Michael Weinstein, who returned from Europe last week.

Derby County will get about \$12,000 for each of three matches in June and Hajduk

will collect \$20,000 for each tour match in July.

Another English club, Leeds United, may also tour in July providing it does not lose too many players to the Scottish national team which will compete in the World Cup finals in Argentina. Leeds would get about \$20,000 a match.

Mr Weinstein said a tour by the Los Angeles Aztecs, part-owned by pop star Elton John, was likely in October.

He said he had also negotiated with Franz Beckenbauer's club, the New York Cosmos, but its \$70,000 match fee was excessive by Australian standards.

A proposed tour by Polish club Gornik was called off by the Victorian Soccer Federation when Dinamo Zagreb said it wanted to tour at the same time.

Then Dinamo called off its tour, and it was too late to get Gornik back.

There was talk about the Polish national team visiting as part of its World Cup preparation, but this is now off.

An international tournament similar to the one held last year may take place in February next year.

Contestants would probably be Manchester City, Lazio of Italy, Australia and either South Korea or Indonesia.

STAR-STUDED GAME FOR REILLY, MICIC?



Pele — he's been invited to play in the big testimonial match.

Relegation starts end of next year

Relegation from the national league will start at the end of the 1979 season.

The team that finishes last in 1979 will be replaced by the State League (First Division) champion from the same State.

The same procedure will be followed at the end of the 1980 season.

However, the team to be promoted will have to meet prescribed criteria and be screened and approved by its State federation.

If the championship winner is not suitable for promotion, meaning it doesn't have enough money or adequate facilities, promotion will go to the runner-up of the State championship.

If the runner-up isn't suitable either, the team that finished third in the State will be given the chance to play off against the candidate for relegation from the national league.

If no team is eligible for promotion,

the last placed national league team will be allowed to remain in the league.

However, any team finishing last for two consecutive seasons will be relegated whether or not there is a team to replace it.

At the end of the 1981 season, there will be a different promotion system.

The bottom two national league teams will be relegated and replaced by the winner and runner-up of a competition arranged by the ASF.

This competition will be between the winners of the various State League championships, provided they meet the necessary requirements of the national league.

Where a State League champion is ineligible, that team will be replaced in the ASF competition by the State runner-up.

Some of the world's greatest soccer players will be asked to take part in a testimonial match for goalkeeper Jack Reilly of South Melbourne Hellas this year.

And there's a strong chance that the match will also be a testimonial for Frank Micic, another former international.

The great Pele has been asked to come to Australia to take part in the match. Papiouannou of Greece may also be asked.

If all goes well, this could be the biggest soccer promotion of the year.

Micic's club, Footscray J.U.S.T., has been planning a joint promotion with Hellas as Micic's testimonial, so this is an opportunity J.U.S.T. will not want to miss.

Micic, who holds the VSF's No.1 player's passport, has spent 17 years with J.U.S.T. and had one year with Hellas. He played about 11 games for Australia and about 60 for Victoria. He won two Argus Medals and a Bill Fleming Medal as the Victorian State League's top player.

Reilly has played for Juventus (Vic.), St. George Budapest, Hakoah (Vic.), the Victorian and NSW State teams, and was player coach of Fitzroy Alexander before joining Hellas last year. He was Australia's goalkeeper in the 1974 World Cup finals in West Germany.



Frank Micic

Youth must get boost

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GORDON STRATFORD (secretary, Western Suburbs, NSW):

There has long been a lack of adequate promotion, that's why we sent our coach, Mike Laling, to the U.S. to study the set-up there.

We need good promotion and good facilities to entice people to games.

Another problem is that we lose too many of our youngsters when they turn 15 or 16.

This problem will be overcome partly by the formation of a new under 19 youth league, comprising two teams from Marconi and St. George and one team from Canberra, Central Coast, Newcastle, Hakoah, Olympic and Wests.

CHARLIE CARUSO (president, Adelaide City Juventus):

Costs go up all the time, so we need bigger crowds. To



Charlie Caruso

get them we must produce the type of soccer that crowds demand.

If spectators don't come in greater numbers, I fear that clubs will become incapable of carrying the \$150,000 budgets required to run a good team in the national league.

To help bring the crowds, we need glamorous big name players from overseas, not run-of-the-mill imports.

LIONEL BROWN (secretary, Sydney Croatia): I think it's a disgrace that the Philips League will, in effect, deny promotion to Sydney and Melbourne clubs until 1982.

Sure, there'll be relegation at the end of 1979 and 1980, but the relegated teams will be replaced by clubs from the same State, and I can't see any Sydney or Melbourne club being relegated within this time.

It won't be until the end of 1981 that Sydney or Melbourne clubs have a real chance of getting into the national league.

At that time, there'll be a round-robin series between various State League winners. The winner and runner-up will replace the last two National

league teams.

It's a long time to wait. As for the national team, I think our failure there must make us strive harder. We must appoint a coach straight away, instead of waiting 18 months like we did last time. I think that man should be someone with local knowledge or one with World Cup experience.

HARRY LAKMAKER (secretary, Hakoah Easts):

A proper youth development scheme must be Australia's No.1 priority. If we are ever to qualify for the World Cup.

Each State has promising youngsters who should be taken in hand by the respective State coaches and eventually passed on to the national coach for inclusion in national under 18, 19, 20 and 21 squads.

The second priority must be to find ways to improve ground facilities.



Jack Reilly retreats to his line as Barrie Fairbrother slides in for Mooroolbark.

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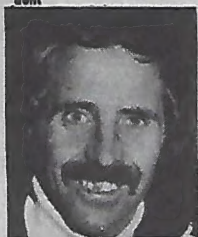
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Bobby McLachlan, coach.



Lou Sannipoli (Juventus).



Eddy Krncovic (Essendon CSC).

Cup doubt

The Phillips League is awaiting advice from the States about whether they will compete in the Phillips Cup this year. The league proposes a Cup field of 32, comprising 14 PSL clubs and 18 from State Federations. The first round of 16 games will be played mid-week in May, the second round of eight games in June and the rest at the end of the season, after the PSL top four series.

Matches between the Australian schoolboys and their American opponents in the US this year, will get junior Test match billing, according to coach Bobby McLachlan.

"The games will be heavily promoted as America v. Australia clashes and if they're successful, we may well be invited back in a few years," McLachlan said.

"However, we would first return the U.S. compliment by bringing an American junior team to Australia in 1979."

The Australian schoolboys team's tour of the U.S. and Canada will take place in May this year.

Almost half of the costs involved will be paid by the Federal Department of Environment, Housing and Community. Each boy will have to contribute \$250.

Mr. Bob Quimby, president of the Australian Schools Soccer Federation, said the tour would take in San Francisco, Seattle and Portland. "We could get 30,000 in Seattle with American promotion," he said.

The tour will take 21 days, with about four days between matches.

Coach and sole selector Bobby McLachlan (assistant coach of Fitzroy Alexander) already has his eyes on certain players throughout Australia.

They include Victorians (Lou Sannipoli) (Juventus), Eddy Krncovic (Essendon), and Tom O'Halloran (Ringwood City), Malcolm McClelland of Newcastle; South Australian left back Ian May, and Sydney's Tony Pezzano (Hakoah) and Peter Katholos (Hellas Canterbury).

McLachlan said he would attend the national under 18 championships in Brisbane in May to assess other players.

He praised Mr. Quimby as the man most responsible for making the tour a reality after two years of hoping.

ASSF senior vice president J. Dodd said: "Bob Quimby has realised his great aim for the Federation: better relations with North America. The future is in the Pacific."



Mooroolbark's star winger Paul Ontong shoots for goal.

Easy ride for Italy, Germany

England and West Germany have been given the easiest draws in the 1978-80 European championship.

On hearing that England had been drawn in Group One with Northern Ireland, Republic of Ireland, Bulgaria and Denmark, manager Ron Greenwood said: "We want our backsides kicking if we don't get through this time. England hasn't reached the last four of the European championship since 1968."

West Germany which will be under a new manager, Jupp Derwall, after Helmut Schoen retires this year, is grouped with Wales, Turkey and Malta. Italy, the host for the enlarged finals, does not have to go through a qualifying series.

So it's Italy, England and West Germany for three of the eight finals berths. The other qualifiers are anyone's guess.

The other groups are:
GROUP TWO: Belgium, Norway, Austria, Scotland, Portugal.

GROUP THREE: Yugoslavia, Rumania, Spain, Cyprus.

GROUP FOUR: Holland, Iceland, Poland, East Germany, Switzerland.

GROUP FIVE: Czechoslovakia, Luxembourg, Sweden, France.

GROUP SIX: Greece, Hungary, USSR, Finland.

\$26,600 grant

The Victorian Department of Youth, Sport and Recreation will continue making yearly grants to soccer clubs for ground improvements.

The first grant of \$22,600 was made early in January.

The grant was made in accordance with recommendations from the Victorian Soccer Advisory Committee which comprises VSF chairman Michael Weinstein, VSF secretary George Wallace, Dr. A. W. Wilkie

of Melbourne University and Ms Cathy de Vrye, recreation consultant with the Department of Youth Sport and Recreation.

This year's grant has been distributed as follows:

Preston Macedonia, lighting \$1000. Sale, lighting and change room improvements \$500. Bundora, lighting \$1000. Greenborough, change room improvements \$500. Dingli, lighting \$1000. Pegasus, lighting \$500. Frankston, lighting \$1000. Green Gully, lighting \$1000. Sunbury United, lighting \$1000. Hakoah, change room improvements \$1000. Box Hill, lighting and improvements, change room \$1500. Benalla, lighting \$500. Collingwood, lighting \$1000. Taralgon, lighting \$1000. Rosanna, lighting \$1000. Brimston, lighting \$1000. Shire of Korumburra, goal posts and nets, \$500. City of Altona Kim Reserve, lighting \$1000. Morwell Falcons, lighting \$1000. Croxton, lighting \$1000. Mooroolbark, lighting \$1000. Melbourne University, lighting \$1000. Balarat, lighting \$1000. Mossfield Rangers, lighting and change room improvements \$1000. Clifton Hill, lighting \$500.

Re-elected

Sir Arthur George has been re-elected president of the Australian Soccer Federation for the next two years.

Vice presidents are Michael Weinstein (Victoria) and Vic Tutting (Tasmania).

The executive committee comprises: K. Ferguson and K. Rodny (NSW), V. Cilaurio (Victoria), Dr. R. Jory (ACT), H. Dixon (Northern NSW), W. Kachuk (South Australia) and J. Venn (Western Australia).

CLEARANCE SALE FOR BARKERS

Mooroolbark's star players are queuing up for transfers now that the club is no longer in the Phillips League.

Heading the list of available players are lethal winger Paul Ontong, midfielder Dave Rigby, defenders Nick Lowe and Peter Vaughan, and that fast full back Geoff Ontong.

Rigby has been seeking a transfer to Adelaide Juventus and Vaughan has been training with South Melbourne Hellas.

Both are former Victorian State players.

Meanwhile, striker Gordon McGregor, for whom Mooroolbark still owes St. George \$800, and full back Ian Williamson, are training with Frankston.

Utility player Alan Pongho and striker Pat Lowrey have been sold to Croydon City.

Other players on the market include Lou Ivanoff and Paul Wilding, both goalkeepers; Walter Bojczuk, Max Irwin, Dave Ellis, Brian Thom and others.

Mooroolbark hopes to get enough money from transfer fees to make up debts totalling \$50,000.

The players who remain will join Mooroolbark's second team, which plays in the Third Division of the Victorian Metropolitan League.

Phillips League manager John Frank said Mooroolbark had been expelled because it "failed to refute certain findings of a sub-committee set up to investigate the club."

Among allegations against Mooroolbark are that the club lacked adequate administration, did not have a suitable ground, failed to pay some of its players the fees to which they were entitled and that it failed to honor certain undertakings in its original application for league membership.

Mr. Frank said Mooroolbark failed to meet a December 20 deadline by which the club should have outlined its case for continued membership.

He said the club asked for a January 23 deadline but failed to meet that as well.

It is thanks to Mooroolbark that there is Victorian representation in the Phillips League.

Victorian clubs had agreed among themselves not to be drawn into the new league but when Mooroolbark broke that agreement three other clubs — South Melbourne Hellas, Fitzroy Alexander and Footscray J.U.S.T. — did likewise.

"I believe we were conned into the league," Mr. Jones said. "The league didn't need Mooroolbark, but it did need the other three clubs and their supporters."



Royal boss

ABC soccer commentator Martin Royal (pictured) is the new president of the NSW Division of the Australian Soccer Press Association.

David Jack stepped down after doing a good job as inaugural president.

Jack and Andrew Dettre are the new vice presidents.

Secretary is Keith Gilmour, treasurer Peter Scott and Peter Hazelwood of ZSM is assistant secretary.

Management committee members are Guido Cicinelli, Stephen Dettre, Frank Jordan, Guido Rametta and Alec Vesic.



Defender Nick Lowe (ex-Oxford United).



Whirlwind full-back Geoff Ontong, shields the ball from George Gillan of Alexander.

"Half way through last season, Newcastle came along with sponsorship and a good case for league membership, so it was decided virtually then that Mooroolbark should go to make room for Newcastle."

"I still believe we should have been given the opportunity to see out the first three years of the league. That would have given us time to establish ourselves."

Phillips League chairman Mr. Sam Pappasavas said Mooroolbark retained all rights to its players and that the club was entitled to sell them.

Barrie Fairbrother has joined Brisbane Lions, but Mr. Jones disputes Fairbrother's claim to a

free transfer.

Fairbrother's contract stipulated he was bound to Mooroolbark only as long as Brian Edgley was the coach. Edgley now coaches Frankston, but Mr. Jones argues Edgley is still a Mooroolbark member, and that this binds Fairbrother to the club.

The ASF sub-committee that investigated Mooroolbark comprised Dr. Rod Jory of the ACT, Ian Brussasco of Queensland and John Frank.

The decision to expel Mooroolbark was taken by ASF executive members contacted by telephone. After eight of the 10 had been phoned, the decision was unanimous.

Australia has 95 rivals

By the final date for entries — October 31, 1977 — 96 national associations had entered their national youth teams for the Coca Cola world championship. Per continent they are:

Europe (25) Bulgaria, Czechoslovakia, Cyprus, Denmark, England, Finland, France, Germany FR, Greece, Hungary, Northern Ireland, Ireland Rep., Italy, Malta, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Rumania, Sweden, Switzerland, Turkey, USSR, Wales, Yugoslavia.

Africa (19) Algeria, Cameroon, Egypt, Ethiopia, Gambia, Guinea, Ivory Coast, Kenya, Libya, Madagascar, Malawi, Mali, Mauritius, Morocco, Nigeria, Senegal, Togo, Tunisia, Uganda.

Asia (19) Bahrain, Brunei, Hong Kong, India, Indonesia, Iran, Israel, Japan, Jordan, Korea DPR, Korean Rep., Malaysia, Philippines, Saudi Arabia, Singapore, Sri Lanka, Syria, Thailand, Yemen PR.

North-Central America & Caribbean (19) Antigua, Bermuda, Canada, Costa Rica, Dominican Republic,

Guatemala, Grenada, Haiti, Honduras, Jamaica, Mexico, Netherlands Antilles, Nicaragua, Panama, Puerto Rico, El Salvador, Surinam, Trinidad, USA.

South America (10) Argentina, Brazil, Bolivia, Chile, Colombia, Ecuador, Paraguay, Peru, Uruguay, Venezuela.

Oceania (3) Australia, China Rep., New Zealand.

Three National Associations — Austria, Iraq and Spain — of the 16 which participated at the first final tournament in Tunisia in 1977 did not enter for the second competition.

The preliminary tournaments or qualifying continental youth tournaments must be played between January 1 and December 31, 1978.

The 1979 final tournament will be held in Japan.



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Let's revive interstate Ampol final

NSW Federation president Karl Rodny this week celebrated the Ampol company's 20-year association with the NSW summer competition.

It seems appropriate to mark this milestone with something special.

My suggestion is to bring back the Ampol Cup interstate final.

It used to be contested by the respective winners from NSW and Victoria but I see no reason why the South Australian winner shouldn't be brought in as well.

This spectacular play-off was abandoned some years ago — 1971 if my memory serves me correctly. Melbourne Croatia won it that year, with Bill McIntyre scoring a hat-trick.

McIntyre is now with the newly-promoted Victorian State League club Albion Rovers.

Sydney Croatia looks the favorite for the 1978 NSW Ampol Cup.

Croatia lost only one match in 1977 and with players like Abonyi, Davies, Stone, Sullivan and Russell in its line-up, the club looks well equipped to take out the 1978 version of the trophy.

Last year's winner, Avala, on the other hand, cannot be considered a safe bet to retain the trophy it won so unexpectedly in 1978.

For the first time, 16 teams are competing for the Cup, even after the exclusion of troubled Bankstown.

The extra teams are Kurling, coached by Mick Jones, Revesby Workers, Marrickville, Monaro of Canberra and of course last year's successful Second Division teams Melita Eagles and Toongabbie.

NSW's decision to enlarge the competition must be applauded.

Melita, under the magnificent coaching of Raul Blanco, and Toongabbie, both have enormous potential. I wish them well.

Monaro and the others may be relatively unknown quantities but I'm sure they'll give the big boys a shake.

Toongabbie, by the way, has already signed Steve Pollard (ex APFA), Bill Millen (ex Marconi and Corralia), Dennis Donovan (ex St. George and Granville) and three Chileans — Carlos Ortega, Eduardo Pena and Ricky Hormazabal. Meanwhile, coach Mal O'Neill has joined from

Washout

There was no play in the NSW Ampol Cup at the weekend because heavy rain made grounds unsuitable.



RALE RASIC

Granville, determined to prove himself as a top supreme.

Sutherland, under coach John Watkins, has goalkeeper Malcolm Haynes back in its line-up, as well as Phil Branson. Both went to West Adelaide Hellas last year. From there, Haynes went to Canberra and finished the 1977 season with Hakoah Easts.

APIA looks to be losing a few players, including Bob McGinn who's been training with Hakoah, but it has compensated by signing Ken Lindsey and Bob Fryer from Wests and Dave McGuire from St. George.

In closing, I just make

the comment that although Croatia starts as the Cup favorite, the competition has rarely been won by the popular pick. That's what makes it so exciting.



Goalkeeper Malcolm Haynes in action for Canberra City last year, before rejoining Sutherland. In the background are Canberra captain Tony Henderson (left) and Andy Kazi of Footscray J.U.S.T.

NSW Cup draw

Groupings for the 1978 NSW AMPOL CUP:
GROUP A: Croatia Sydney; Revesby Workers; Melita Eagles; Granville P'matta.

GROUP B: Apia-Leichhardt; Monaro; Toongabbie; Manly Warringah.

GROUP C: Auburn; M/V Olympic; Ku-Ring-Gai; Arncliffe Scots v M/V Olympic 2.30 pm Sunday

GROUP D: Sutherland Shire; Yugal-Prague; Marrickville; Avala.

The draw:
FEBRUARY, 10-12:

Melita Eagles v Revesby Workers 7.30pm Friday

Croatia Sydney v Granville P'matta 9.15pm Friday

Garside Park.

Manly Warringah v Toongabbie 2.30pm Sunday

Lambert Park.

Apia-Leichhardt v Monaro 4.15pm Sunday Lambert Park

Avala v Marrickville 2.30pm Sunday Seymour Shaw.

Sutherland Shire v Yugal-Prague 4.15pm Sunday Seymour Shaw.

FEBRUARY, 17-19:

Auburn v Ku-Ring-Gai 7.30pm Friday Garside Park.

Avala v Yugal-Prague 9.15pm Friday Garside Park.

Arncliffe Scots v M/V Olympic 2.30pm Sunday Cromer Park.

Apia-Leichhardt v Manly Warringah 4.15pm Sunday Cromer Park.

Monaro v Toongabbie 2.30pm Sunday Seymour Shaw

Sutherland Shire v Marrickville 4.15pm Sunday Seymour Shaw.

FEBRUARY, 24-26:

M/V Olympic v Ku-Ring-Gai 2.30pm Sunday Lambert Park.

Croatia Sydney v Melita Eagles 4.15pm Sunday Lambert Park.

Granville P'matta v Revesby Workers 2.30pm Sunday Garside Park.

Auburn v Arncliffe Scots 4.15pm Sunday Garside Park.

Yugal-Prague v Marrickville 7.30pm Friday Garside Park.

Sutherland Shire v Avala 9.15pm Friday Garside Park.

SEMI FINALS — Sunday March, 5 — Venue to be decided.

FINAL — Sunday March, 12 — Venue to be decided.

Federation expels Wollongong City

State League club Wollongong has been expelled from the N.S.W. Soccer Federation.

Bankstown was dismissed but has been allowed to re-join.

Both clubs had failed to meet their financial obligations to the Federation.

Bankstown was allowed re-entry when it paid the amount owing. Bankstown's temporary exile

means it can't play in the Ampol Cup series as it was not in the Federation when the draw was made.

Wollongong didn't have the resources to meet its obligations.

Even if it raised the money now it would be too late to get back its place in the State League as all the positions are filled.

It's not known if Wollongong is to continue as a club or disband.

This is a sad way for a famous

club to end.

In its heyday during the mid-60's, Wollongong won the NSW First division championship.

It featured famous names like Jim Kelly, Phil O'Connor and Socceroos Peter Wilson, Max Tolson and Adrian Alston.

In previous years Wollongong played under the names Safeway United and Southcoast United.

Let's hope that it's not the end for Wollongong. — KYLE PATTERSON.

Telecki, Bojczuk spur Yugoslavs

By MENO TOUTSIDIS

Beograd completed a clinical 3-0 dissection of Azzurri to move to early favoritism in the South Australian Ampol Cup.

Azzurri, strengthened by the inclusion of five players and new coach Peter Jakas, had looked all class in beating Polonia in the opening match of the series last week.

However they crumbled into a heap against Beograd and looked far from Cup contenders.

Beograd never allowed Azzurri to settle down to score when the remarkable Louis Telecki slotted the ball past Azzurri keeper Danny Di Biasi.

Telecki, a tall, tough, veteran midfielder-cum-striker had an extraordinary game.

Apart from being Beograd's best player, he was booked for a deliberate hand ball and was sent off six minutes from the end for allegedly attempting to strike an opponent.

If Telecki is suspended Beograd will badly miss him because he was the heart and soul of the team's attack.

He ran all night, harassed defenders and his thumping shots always had Di Biasi in trouble.

With Azzurri fumbling and unable to string together more than three passes, there was little doubt who would win.

Former Mooroolbark player Wally Bojczuk made victory for Beograd a certainty when he headed the second two minutes before half time.

And for good measure Telecki burst through the

defence in the 57th minute and lobbed the ball over Di Biasi for a marvellous goal.

Azzurri had chances late in the game but bad luck and poor finishing left them scoreless.

The Italian-backed team should not be written off yet as they have an excellent 2-1 win over Polonia, the cup holder, behind them, but Azzurri will need to be at their best for the big clash with Croatia at Hindmarsh Stadium on Friday night.

In the early game Lion came from behind twice to level the scores against Victoria and then snatched a last-minute goal for a remarkable victory.

Captain Bobby Tufts put Victoria ahead in the 26th minute before Steve Caggiano levelled for Lion 12 minutes later.

STH. AUST. AMPOL CUP STANDINGS

| | P | F | A | Pts |
|----------------|---|---|---|-----|
| Beograd | 1 | 3 | 0 | 2 |
| Lion | 1 | 3 | 2 | 2 |
| Azzurri | 2 | 2 | 4 | 2 |
| Croatia | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Victoria | 2 | 2 | 3 | 1 |
| Polonia | 1 | 1 | 2 | 0 |

Top scorers: 2 — Caggiano (Lion), Telecki (Beograd).
1 — Kozuch (Lion), Tufts, Brown (Victoria), Bojczuk (Beograd), White (Azzurri), Manolev (Azzurri), Myszka (Polonia).

Tim Brown shot Victoria ahead again in the 60th minute before Caggiano added another in the 78th minute and Roger Kozuch volleyed past Robert Bohenk in the final seconds of the game.

Lion take on Polonia in the late game on Friday with a win crucial to both sides.

NSW State League club Sutherland will be sponsored by VIP Insurance for \$25,000 over the next five years.

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Butler moving



APFA forward Terry Butler (pictured) is seeking a transfer. He has been capped twice for Australia.

Two other APFA players, Ken Jenkins and Roy McCormack, are back in Scotland and young goalkeeper Michael Fraser is trying his luck in West Germany.

MAKEDONIA MAY GET McMILLAN



George McMillan

Big striker George McMillan looks set to leave Essendon and join Makedonia.

McMillan was on loan to Essendon from Perth club Azzurri last year, and Makedonia aims to buy him from Azzurri for between \$5000 and \$6000.

Other new players at Makedonia include two New Zealanders, **Paul Glasson** and **Eric Leabriel**. Midfielder **Jim Quinn** was due to return from Scotland last week. **Paul Hallam** of Perth club Athena is due soon and two more will join from England.

Tommy Fox is likely to be transferred to Dandenong and goalkeeper **Jim Green** may go to Albion Rovers. **Frank Campbell** has been training with Western Suburbs and Frankston. Others on the transfer list are **John Bernard** (ex-Sunshine), **Jim McMorran** (ex-Alexander), **Jim Pirzas** (ex-Hellas), **Frank McAleer** and **Robert McDonald**.

Anyone interested in signing any of these players should ring **John Branov** on 41 2387 (business).

Makedonia had an enquiry from Footscray J.U.S.T. for **Peter Laumets** and **Chris Petrov** but it was not followed up.

Club official **Branko Trjanovski** makes no secret

He's back as coach

Fausto Tarquinio (pictured) has returned from Italy and rejoined Juventus, but the club looks like losing midfielder **Jed Bannon** who will apparently settle in Queensland.

Veteran striker **Dino DeMarchi**, who made such a spirited comeback last year, has retired again, and there's doubt about striker **Jim Armstrong** and defender **Uli Pfisterer**.

Armstrong had a leg operation late last year and Pfisterer has been contemplating retirement.

However, Juventus' new coach **Bobby Thomson**, says Pfisterer is under contract until April.

Thomson, who played in the UK for Liverpool, Luton Town and Partick Thistle, played for Juventus from 1970 to 1974. He was player-coach of Nunawading last season.

He says he will follow a policy of giving young players a chance. "We don't need new players," he says.

In recent practice games Juventus beat Waverley 1-0 and Fitzroy Alexander 4-1.



Bobby Thomson



Slavia's new coach **Tommy Randles** (above) has a new player from England. He is **David Perkin**, 19, a left winger who was an apprentice with Stoke City and has since played for Nantwich Town and Macclesfield.

Randles has replaced Slavia's long serving **Ken Kontra** who went to the Melbourne club.

Slavia's captain for three years in the club's golden era, Randles moved to New Zealand in the late sixties and went on to play for New Zealand against Australia in the 1973 World Cup qualifying games.

He was coaching Christchurch until just before he returned to Australia late last year.

On Slavia's transfer list are centre back **John Cain** and midfielder **Steve Moore**. New players will join from the U.K. during the year.



Tommy Fox

of the fact that Makedonia would want to recoup much of the money it paid for Laumets (\$10,000 to



Flashback: Captain Jim McGill (left) welcomes Willie Vassallo to Ajax last year.

Ajax wants Vassallo

Green Gully Ajax is negotiating to sign Maltese national team captain Willie Vassallo for two years.

His club Floriana has quoted \$8000 as the opening price but Ajax president **Guy Spiteri** is trying to have the price reduced. Vassallo played for Ajax on loan for about half the 1977 season.

The club has just signed a new player from England. He is **David Perkin**, 19, a left winger who was an apprentice with Stoke City and has since played for Nantwich Town and Macclesfield.

Guy Spiteri has replaced former president **Lou Stafrace**, now chairman of the Victorian Provisional League. Stafrace was one of the leading lights in Green Gully's surge through the ranks to State League.

The club also has a new coach, **John Grimsey**, who had a stint with Polonia in 1976. Before that he coached in Tasmania and Perth.

Grimsey replaces Green Gully's twin coaches of 1977, **Ian Petherick** and **Jim Ballish**. The club has lost **Jim McGill** who has returned to

Altona) and **Petrov** (\$7000 to Sunshine). These prices may be too high for J.U.S.T., or any other club.

Meanwhile, Makedonia looks forward to finally moving to its new ground on the corner of Redford Road and Broadhurst Avenue, Reservoir.

The 23-acre site has two completed pitches and a third in the planning stage. There is also a dressing room block and high embankments for spectators.

Total cost is believed to be about \$250,000. Fencing to cost \$18,000 will be completed soon and Makedonia will take over the ground at the end of February.

The club's new coach is **Bill Dumbell**, 47, an Englishman who coached Athena in Perth and who was a professional player with Liverpool.



Frankston's new player **Vince Bannon** (left) with his brothers **Jed** (centre) and **Pat**

Vince joins Frankston

Victorian 1973 Rothmans Medal Winner Vince Bannon has transferred to Frankston City.

The bayside club has picked up the former Fitzroy Alexander star for \$2000, the fee stipulated in Bannon's contract with Alexander.

For a player of Bannon's calibre it's a bargain price.

His reason for leaving Alexander and the glamour of the Philips League is the long training hours.

Vince feels they're too demanding on a part-time player who has a full-time job as well.

So now there is only one Bannon at Alexander.

Remaining is brother **Pat**, who won the



Mooroolbark's Gordon McGregor — to join Frankston

Rothmans Medal in 1974 and last season captained Alexander to second spot in the Philips League.

At Frankston, Vince links up with new coach **Brian Edgley**, the former Hellas, Mooroolbark and Doveton boss.

At one stage there was a possibility Bannon

would be signing with Lions but Frankston made a better offer.

Frankston has been showing interest in two other players — **Billy Whitehead**, the Alexander reserve goalkeeper and **Gordon McGregor**, the Mooroolbark striker.

Recruits sought as Gunn, Wallace quit



Tommy Cumming



Marian Jaworski



Andy Czapnik

Lions, whose new name is Essendon Croatian Soccer Club (Essendon CSC), has been haggling with Sunshine City to have Tommy Cumming's transfer fee reduced.

Sunshine has demanded \$7000 for the tiny forward, and Essendon has quoted him at \$8500.

Essendon has, however, signed a crop of promising young players: **Vinko Pavlovic** and **Zvonko Juric** from Green Gully; **Phillip Vuk** from Broadmeadows; **Josef Bicanic** and **Nick Tzroie** from George Cross and **Oraslo Makeasevac** and **Joe**

expressed interest in rejoining Essendon but Hellas has quoted him at \$8500.

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Pavlovic from Sunshine. The club also has high hopes for three star reserves of 1977 — **Frank Franic**, **Joe Timpano** and **Slavko Franic**.

Its only problem is finding a suitable ground. Having lost **Montgomery Park** in Essendon, the club now looks likely to play at either **Olympic Park** or **Slavia's** home, the Showgrounds.

Hyndes is boss

Progressive Altona has done it again with the appointment of Ian Hyndes as president.

At 31, Hyndes must be one of the youngest presidents in the State League. He played for Altona for many years, winning the best and fairest award three times.

The club is considering a pre-season trip to Mount Gambier for the players and their wives.

Coach **Joe Wilson** believes if the wives are happy, it will make it easier for the players to get the right attitude towards playing.

Altona fans were relieved to hear that coach **Wilson** and young star **Alan Davidson** are

staying with the club.

Both received offers to move but had no hesitation sticking with Altona.

Altona has played several trial games as part of its Ampol Cup preparation, losing 0-2 to Preston-Makedonia, drawing 1-1 with George Cross and defeating Moreland 3-1.

Yet to return is **Bob Taylor**, who went home to England on holiday.

On the list of youngsters to watch are **Richard Plesas**, **Tony Curcio** and **Dennis Mason**.

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AMPOL CUP KICKS OFF ON FEB. 10

The start of the Victorian Ampol Cup has been postponed until February 10.

Previous starting date had been February 3.

It was changed because a proposed visit by an overseas team during the Cup series did not eventuate.

Grounds to be used for the Cup are: Olympic Park, Middle Park and the grounds of Preston Makedonia, Green Gully Ajax, Altona City and Frankston City.

Matches will be played on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays.

Those at Olympic Park will start at 7.30 pm. and those at the other grounds at 1.30 pm.

Games will be 70 minutes long and penalty kicks will be used to break the deadlock in drawn games. Matches in the finals will be 90 minutes long.

The 12 clubs are split into two sections.

Section A is: George Cross, Juventus, Frankston, Essendon-Croatia, Hakoah, Green Gully Ajax.

Section B is: Slavia, Altona, Sunshine, Ringwood, Preston-Makedonia and Albion Rovers.

The draw is:

1st ROUND:

Friday, February 10: Ringwood City v Makedonia.

Olympic Park, Juventus v George Cross.

Saturday, February 11: Frankston v Green Gully.

Olympic Park, Essendon v Hakoah.

Sunday, February 12: Sunshine v Albion Leyland.

Altona City's ground, Altona v Slavia.

2nd ROUND:

Friday, February 17: Ringwood City v Sunshine.

Olympic Park, Essendon v Frankston.

Saturday, February 18: Hakoah v Juventus.

Preston's ground, Makedonia v Altona.

Sunday, February 19: Slavia v Albion Leyland.

Green Gully's ground, George Cross v Green Gully.

3rd ROUND:

Friday, February 24: Juventus v Green Gully.

Olympic Park, Makedonia v Sunshine City.

Saturday, February 25: Ringwood City v Slavia.

Olympic Park, Essendon v George Cross.

Sunday, February 26: Altona v Albion Leyland.

Middle Park ground, Hakoah v Frankston City.

4th ROUND:

Friday, March 3: Ringwood City v Altona.

Olympic Park, Albion Leyland v Makedonia.

Saturday, March 4: Sunshine v Slavia.

Olympic Park, Essendon v Juventus.

Sunday, March 5: Green Gully v Hakoah.

Green Gully's ground, Frankston v George Cross.

5th ROUND:

Friday, March 10: George Cross v Hakoah.

Olympic Park, Slavia v Makedonia.

Saturday, March 11: Altona v Sunshine.

Olympic Park, Essendon v Green Gully.

Sunday, March 12: Ringwood City v Albion Leyland.

Frankston City's ground, Juventus v Frankston.

SEMI FINALS:

Friday, March 17: Winner of group 'A' v Runner-up of group 'B'.

Olympic Park, Winner of group 'B' v runner-up of group 'A'.

FINAL:

Saturday, April 1: Winner of 1st semi-final v Winner of 2nd semi-final.

Olympic Park, Winner of 2nd semi-final.



Hakoah goalkeeper Mike O'Hara punches clear.



Lou Tsigaris

Groenewald goes to Ringwood

Hakoah-St. Kilda has given young midfielder Gary Groenewald a free transfer to Ringwood-Wilhelmina.

Groenewald, who was previously with Melbourne and South Melbourne Hellas, had only a one-season contract with Hakoah.

Goalkeeper Mike O'Hara, who played for Victoria last year, tried to join Fitzroy Alexander but Hakoah's asking price proved to be too high. He is now coaching Fourth Division club Mornington.

Hakoah has re-appointed Mike Mandalis as coach and is expecting big things from Bill Jordanou, who suffered a serious injury last season.

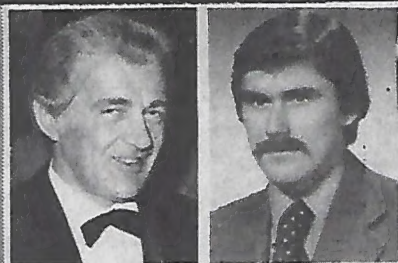
Kurt Debris, Hakoah's long-serving secretary, said the club was trying to sign Hella's reserve goalkeeper Lou Tsigaris and that it expected star defender Mike Rainey back from Surfers Paradise.

Rainey was in Surfers on a trip he won through "Soccer Action" and Riversdale Travel agency, for being our choice as Victorian player of the year.

Meanwhile, Hakoah has signed Ben Samuel, 23, a midfielder who played army football in Israel.



Gary Groenewald



Tad Lezon

Tom Koter

Five imports for Polonia?

An ambitious plan to put Polonia Maribymong back onto the road to success has been launched by a special committee headed by club stalwart Tad Lezon.

The committee has raised about \$5000 which will be used to import up to five players from Poland.

Polonia, probably the best team in Australia in the early sixties, has been relegated to the Victorian First Division after finishing last in 1977.

Tom Koter has been retained as player coach, but the club looks like losing Marian Jaworski, Andy Czapnik and George Nierobiaz.

Jaworski and Czapnik are likely to join Essendon, and Nierobiaz may go to Green Gully Ajax if Ajax succeeds in having his transfer fee lowered.



Peter Lewis



Bill Walsh

Lewis leaving

Sunshine's new coach Bill Walsh will have at least one new player in the 1978 squad.

He is left winger David Nelson, brother of Robbie Nelson who joined Sunshine from Scotland last season.

However, both Tommy Cumming and Peter Lewis are leaving Sunshine.

Cumming will almost certainly join Essendon Lions, and big defender Lewis is looking around for a club.

Coach Bill Walsh played for Manchester City and has coached Melbourne and the Victorian State team.

He replaces Sunshine's 1977 coach Billy Cree.

Ian Petherick, a former Sunshine coach who had charge of Green Gully Ajax last season, is expected to return to Sunshine to take over the reserves, which will comprise under 16 and under 18 players.

Rae seeks a transfer

Billy Rae and Sergio Tribuzzio are seeking transfers from newly promoted State League club Albion Leyland.

Rae, 28, had two years with Hakoah before joining Albion five years ago. He's been one of Albion's stars, scoring about 75 goals in his 140 games with the club.

Tribuzzio, 28, a forward, joined Albion from Western Suburbs in 1976.

Meanwhile, 17-year-old goalkeeper Jeff Oliver has settled a dispute and signed a contract for the 1978 season.

Albion is trying to get two Junior League players from Scotland and one from



Billy Rae

England.

New coach Tommy McPherson, the former George Cross star, will also try out the most promising of Albion's up and coming youngsters.

McPherson was coach of Albion's under 16s before he replaced Bill McArthur.

Croydon, Wests top dogs in Metro cup

Croydon, strengthened by Mooroolbark's Alan Pongho and Pat Lowrey, and Western Suburbs, featuring Ulysses Kokkinos and new coach Tony Vrzina, are the clubs to watch in the Victorian Cumberland Cup competition which starts next Wednesday, February 8.

Croydon was runner-up to Albion Rovers in the First Division last season and has some fine players in Charlie Murphy, Mike Lynn, Mike Plunkett, Mike Kupinic, Dick Ward and others.

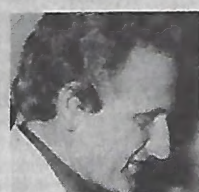
In fact, on paper, Croydon looks almost invincible.

Kokkinos is capable of some brilliant play, as he showed while with Hellas, Alexander and the State team, but he needs to be more consistent.

It's up to Vrzina, the former Croatia boss, to get the best out of Western Suburbs' star recruit.

West will also have goalkeeper Mike Kise of Melbourne in their team.

Melbourne, under new coach Ken Kontra, will be a top contender for the Cup if it



Tony Vrzina

maintains the promise shown in the Federation Cup late last year, but it will get stiff competition in the East Division from Croydon, Box Hill and Knox.

Waverley and Doveton despite the loss of Neil Bonner, Peter Thurlow and Tommy Spalding, look the strongest in South Division, while Ardeer and Kellor City will be Western Suburbs' main challengers in the West.

Kellor Austria is top dog in the North, but it remains to be seen what kind of team Polonia-Maribymong will be able to field.

Winner of the Cup will get \$1000 plus Cumberland Cup and Area Cup, the runner-up



Ulysses Kokkinos

\$500 plus Area Cup and the losing semi-finalists \$250 plus Area Cup.

Kick-off time is 6.30 pm. or a mutually agreed time. For all rounds up to the semi-finals games, the duration of play may be less than the normal 45 minutes each way, but where such shortened duration of play is agreed upon, it shall be of equal halves, not less than 35 minutes each way.

If games are drawn at the end of the agreed duration of play, a period of 10 minutes each way of extra time will be played. If at the end of extra time the game is still drawn, the result shall be decided by the taking of penalty kicks in accordance with the laws of the game.

Preliminary Round matches to be played Wednesday, February 8:

East: Park Rangers v South Yarra

South: Mornington v Chelsea

West: (1) Footscray JUST v St Albans, (2) South Melbourne Hellas v Werribee.

1st Round — Wednesday, February 15:

EAST:



Ken Kontra

Melbourne v Mooroolbark Monash University v Fernfret Gully

Donscaster Rovers v Clayton

Croydon City v Knox City Brighton v Prahran City Box Hill v Ringwood Utd.

Winner of Prelim Match v Caulfield City

Nunawading City v Hawthorn.

SOUTH:

Waverley City v Doveton Karingal v Frankston Pines Springvale City v South Dandenong

North Dandenong v Langwarrin

Moorabbin City v Rosebud Yallourn v Dandenong City Morwell Falcons v Keysborough

Sandringham City v Winner of Prelim Match.

WEST:

University of Melbourne v Corio

Melton v Western Suburbs Central Altona v Ardeer Sunbury v Hamlyn Rangers Ballarat v Bell Park

Kellor City v Port Melbourne

Winner of Match (2) v Geelong

Winner of Match (1) v Williamstown

NORTH:

Essendon City v Kellor Austria

East Brunswick v Heidelberg

Greensborough v Coburg Fitzroy Alexander v Hotham Utd.

Carlton v Bulleen

Collingwood v Moreland

Royal Park v Polonia

Pawker v Thomastown.



Pat Lowrey



Peter Thurlow

Richmond wants girls and goalie

Second Division club Richmond is looking for a goalkeeper to replace Tom Schultz who has transferred to Rosebud.

Richmond is also interested in signing other new players. Those interested should ring Hans Kus on 459 7312 (business hours).

Monika Werner is forming a Richmond women's team, for which more players are needed. She can be contacted on 435 9640.

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Neville Morgan (right) of St. George clashes with Bob Provan of Fitzroy Alexander



A duel between Branko Buljevic (left) of Fitzroy and Mike Pye of South Melbourne.



Harry Williams (right) of St. George, being tackled by Jim Milne of JUST.



Jimmy Rooney of Marconi



Doug Utjesenovic (St.

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| Newcastle United v. Hakoah-East | - |
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| Sydney Olympic v. Western Suburbs | - |
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| Western Suburbs v. Newcastle United | - |
| West Adelaide Hellas v. St. George Budapest | - |
| Brisbane City v. Footscray J.U.S.T. | - |
| Canberra City v. Adelaide Juventus | - |

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| Brisbane City v. Adelaide Juventus | - |
| Hakoah-East v. Fitzroy Alexander | - |
| Footscray J.U.S.T. v. Marconi | - |
| South Melbourne Hellas v. Newcastle United | - |
| St. George Budapest v. Canberra City | - |
| Western Suburbs v. Brisbane Lions | - |

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| Sydney Olympic v. Canberra City | - |
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Footscray J.U.S.T. goalkeeper Dennis Boland.

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Peter Ollerton (South Melbourne Hellas) heads for goal.

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Venues will be notified four weeks in advance.

Canberra City and Newcastle United will both play their home games on Saturdays, except for Newcastle's first game which will be on Sunday, March 5.



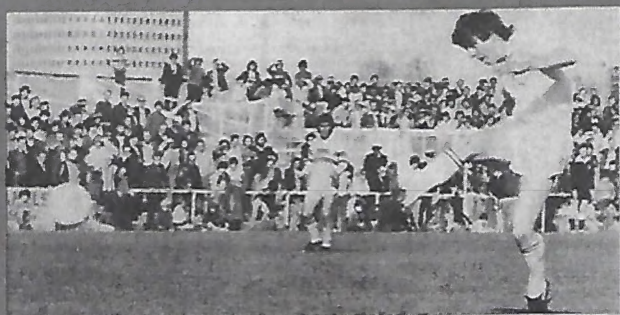
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WRIGHT TO BE NATION'S BEST



Dave Maclaren

Keep your eyes on Sammy Wright! That's the word from South Melbourne Hellas coach Dave Maclaren.

Maclaren believes Wright could be Australia's top player this year. "He's the same type as Marconi's Jimmy Rooney but he's younger and he uses the ball better," Maclaren said. Rooney was Australia's 1977 Player of the Year.

Wright, a midfielder, is from Wolverhampton Wanderers. He was in the senior squad, but played only for the reserve team.

Hellas has also imported Danish international goalkeeper John Hansen, 27, from Swedish club Helsingborg where he has spent the past three years.

Maclaren is also trying to sign a centre back from Scotland or Sweden. Chris Kalafatis, who played centre back with Arthur Xanthopoulos last

year, will probably be at left back this season.

Hellas' only other recruit so far is Bertie Lutton from Hakoah Easts, although Peter Vaughan of Mooroolbark has also been training with the squad.

However, Bill Rogers, who was bought for \$7000 from APIA at the end of 1976, is unlikely to play this year. Apparently he has bought a house too far away.

Billy Rogers, whose future with Hellas had been in doubt because he is building a house a long way from the ground, has played in all recent practice games and coach Dave Maclaren is adamant that Rogers will be a key man in his team in 1978.



John Kosmina is tackled in Australia's 0-1 loss to Kuwait in their World Cup match last November.

Soccer now king in Newcastle

By LAURIE SCHWAB

Things are really buzzing in Newcastle.

Suddenly soccer is king.

Newcastle's admission to the national league was front page news. So was the arrival of recruits from England.

Offers have been flooding in from prospective sponsors, Channel 3 has undertaken to cover all of Newcastle's home matches and a promotions committee is coming up with new ideas all the time.

Newcastle manager Ray Baartz, who will make a comeback as a player, confidently predicts that the opening game will draw 10,000 people.

It will be at the International Sports Centre which holds 30,000 and has licensed club rooms and a restaurant.

Baartz and coach Alan Veat have been busy on the transfer

market putting together a sound squad.

Among them will be Col Curran from Western Suburbs and goalkeeper Don Smith from Sydney Croatia.

Both have had appeals to the NSW Federation against obstacles to their transfers.

Curran believed his \$8000 transfer fee was too high. Smith wanted himself declared the property of Newcastle club Cardiff rather than Croatia. He claimed Cardiff had loaned him to Croatia and that Cardiff wanted no transfer fee from the Newcastle PSL club. Croatia, on the other hand claimed Smith was a Croatia player, and that the club was entitled to a transfer fee.

Players signed from Newcastle clubs have been released for nominal fees. They are:

Lloyd Hardes, who was on loan to Western Suburbs from Wallsend last year;

John Sneddon, defender from West Wallsend, Newcastle Player of the Year for

1977; Slav Catalovski, 23, striker from Newcastle Australs, previously sought by Marconi;

Nell Endacott, 17, striker, from Wallsend. Went to Hearts of Midlothian with Lloyd Hardes for trials.

Ossie Bellamy, 25, goalkeeper from Weston.

Players signed from England are:

Peter Willis, 20, defender from Leeds United;

Bill Summerscales, 28, centre back from Rochdale and Port Vale.

Peter Kay, 21, forward;

Craig Mason, 21, midfielder from Arsenal.

Ken Boden, 26, striker and prolific goalscorer from Doncaster Rovers.

Another Englishman, Mike Galpin, arrived only last week.

In addition, Newcastle has signed a New Zealand national squad member, Bill Aney, from Christchurch, and bought another NZ international, Roy Drinkwater, from Brisbane Lions.



SYDNEY, 1973: Ray Baartz (left) in a confrontation during the scoreless draw between Australia and South Korea at the Sydney Sports Ground.

Ray Richards will play on

Ray Richards will definitely play for Marconi this year.

That's the news from Marconi's manager coach Rale Rasic. Richards, the former international with the long throw, announced his retirement late last year but has been persuaded to stay for another season.

Meanwhile, Marconi has signed St. George forward Mark Jankovic, who was in the national squad early last year, for \$7500.

Roberto Vieri, the former Bologna forward who was here as a guest last year, has returned on a three-year contract and Jim Fraser, the former Socceroo goalkeeper, has joined Marconi's coaching staff.

He will take charge of the goalkeepers and an under 19 team. Ernie Campbell is on transfer for \$15,000 for disciplinary reasons, and fullback Stuart Robertson has been trying to join Kuringal.

Peter Sharpe, Bertie Mariani and Mark Jankovic will form the Marconi attack this year while Gary Byrne, Richards, Jimmy Rooney and Vieri will vie for the midfield berths. Competition may be eliminated by switching Byrne to full back to replace Robertson.

Marconi will also have a new, \$150,000 grandstand and dressing rooms in time for the opening of the season.



Ray Richards is down injured in a game against J.U.S.T., and team-mate Ernie Campbell (centre) is there to help. Richards has decided not to retire but Campbell is on the transfer list.

Kosmina: who will get him?

West Adelaide Hellas and Adelaide Juventus have been vying for the signature of Socceroo John Kosmina.

Hellas was prepared to pay \$16,000 for him, while Juventus offered \$20,000 plus an exchange player.

Kosmina's club, Polonia, originally set his transfer fee at \$30,000.

Kosmina then appealed to the SA Federation which reduced the price to \$16,000.

However, it was found that the three-man appeals tribunal had included a man ineligible because he was a member of a club executive.

It was therefore decided to hold a new appeals hearing within 28 days.

Kosmina was on loan to West Adelaide Hellas last year.



Manecas.

Rooney tops in NSW too

Marconi's Jimmy Rooney collected his second major award of 1977 when he accepted the Wedgwood Bowl as NSW Player of the Year.



Jim Rooney

Rooney headed fellow international Attili Abonyi (Croatia) by 31 votes to 11.

Third was Peter Stone (Western Suburbs) 7 points, and fourth Harry Williams (St George) 6.

Leading pressmen, administrators and players attended a glittering evening held at Sydney's Journalists Club.

Abonyi's award was a fine writing set from Tallerman & Co., distributors of Cross pens.

Three months earlier Rooney had accepted the first Australian Player of the Year Award in Melbourne.

At State League level 17-year-old Craig Hall, Sutherland's rising striker, won the first under 21 Player of the Year trophy.

Second place went to Manly's Chris Cassattari, the goalkeeper who gained three months' experience at West Ham.

Third was another 'keeper, Mike Fraser of APIA, currently brushing up his knowledge in West Germany.

Then followed Sutherland winger Steve Meades and Auburn's central defender Gary Fairclough.

Among the guests were last year's winner of the Wedgwood Bowl, Doug Utjesenovic, Brian le Fevre (ASF), John Frank (Philips League), Ken Ferguson (NSW Federation) and former NSW president Peter McCann.



Graham Norris.

Manecas back?

Portuguese forward Manecas may return to Hakoah Easts during the season.

Manecas, of the Belra Mar club, scored three goals in five games with Hakoah last year.

He was not retained because Belra Mar wanted \$20,000 for him.

However, Hakoah official Harry Lakmaker believes Manecas may now be available for a lower price, as his contract expires at the end of the Portuguese season.

Hakoah has signed striker Graham Norris from Western Suburbs for \$5000 and has been negotiating for APIA and former Ringwood Wilhelmia defender Rob McGinn.

APIA has asked for \$10,000 for McGinn but a player exchange may reduce the fee considerably.

The only player to have left Hakoah is Alex Robertson who has returned to Scotland after four years with the club.

Saints' import

St. George Budapest has signed winger Bob Vujovic from Novi Sad in Yugoslavia.

Coach Ilya Takec recruited Vujovic while he was overseas recently.

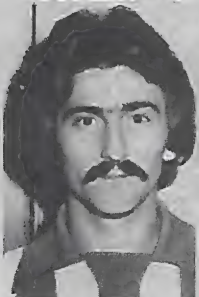
Scottish forward Scott Bendall, 22, has also joined the Saints. Bendall came to join Adelaide Juventus last year but arrived too late to play in the league.

St. George will engage a full time marketing manager soon to sell advertising at the ground, attract sponsorship and organise promotions.

Rebuilt Olympic is the team to watch



Fil Botallico — left APIA to join Olympic.



Chris Themelidis — firing!



Paul Coton — from St. George.

Sydney Olympic, under new coaches Tom Anderson and Fil Botallico, is likely to be the most improved team of 1978.

Olympic has taken over the Alexandria Businessmen's Club in Botany Street, Redfern, which is fully equipped with poker machines, bar and restaurant.

It has also moved to a new ground, Erskineville Oval, in Redfern. Previously used for Australian Rules, the ground has a grandstand for 2500 and an overall capacity of about 15,000.

Anderson, former coach of APIA and Auburn, had appointed Frank Malone as his assistant coach, but Malone's new job as a sales executive with a car firm left him little time for soccer.

So Anderson approached his old friend Fil

Botallico who agreed to leave APIA to help out at Olympic.

Olympic's star recruit is Stuart Markland, 29, captain of Scottish club Montrose and Montrose's 1977 player of the year. A sweeper, Markland was previously with Dundee United. He will arrive in Australia on February 14.

While overseas recently, Anderson also signed up Derek Laing, 22, a striker from Dundee, who arrives on February 26, and Trevor Thompson, 23, a West Brom midfielder who will be here at the end of the English season.

What's more, goal machine Bill Pirie has agreed to come back for 12 weeks during the year. He has scored about 28 goals for Dundee so far, and West Brom has put in a \$350,000 transfer bid for him.

Olympic's local signings are Alan Ainslie, bought for \$2000 from Western Suburbs, and Paul Coton, bought for \$3000 from St. George.

George Gibson is still out injured, Ray Botham has returned to England and Bernie Cullerton, Jim Izatt and Hector Fernandez are available for transfer. Izatt looks like joining Melita Eagles.

One of Olympic's most ambitious plans is to sign up a Greek international for mid-season guest games. His identity is being kept secret.

Patra will again sponsor Olympic this year, and the team will play in a new strip, similar to that of England's Queen's Park Rangers.

Anderson revealed that he would probably use some of his players in different positions this season.

"Greg Allan is shaping up as a good right back. Dave McIntosh is doing well as a destructive midfielder. Coton may be used up front as a big target man, and I expect Ainslie to have his best season since leaving St. George, and I'll use him not in midfield, but as a striker on the left side," Anderson said.

He added that Richie Bell was back at his best and that he expected big things this year from right winger Chris Themelidis.

"He's been a bit controversial but I'm sure he'll produce the goods this season," Anderson said.

He also praised goalkeeper Gary Meier, saying he could play for Australia, and added that reserve goalkeeper Herc Karakostas had great potential.

"Alex Jamieson will be a good Jimmy Rooney. Peter Raskopoulos is improving all the time and Lazaros Parakevas is shaping up as a player of the future," Anderson said.

Olympic's planned practice matches are against Auburn today (February 1), Sutherland (February 5), Alexander (February 12), APIA (February 15), Granville (February 19) and Manly (February 26).



Tom Anderson, coach



Alan Ainslie — from Wests to Olympic

\$9000 OFFER

Adelaide Juventus has offered Lion \$9000 for defender Bugsy Nyskohus and forward Peter Kowalski.

Lion had previously offered to lend Nyskohus to Juventus for \$4000 a year.

Juventus is expecting Dixie Deans to return in time for the national league season and the club hopes he will succeed in recruiting a number of Scottish players.

Two players from Yugoslavia are likely to join Footcray J.U.S.T. soon.

Coach Cedo Cirkovic negotiated for the players when he was in Yugoslavia on holidays recently.

Wests pin hopes on youth

Western Suburbs are expecting big things from five young players this year.

They are forwards Mark Samuels and Alan Fisher, midfielder Ian Rowden and goalkeepers Wally Lachowicz and Greg Woodhouse.

Samuels and Fisher were sent to Tottenham Hotspur for three months last year as part of their preparation for an eventual senior team berth.

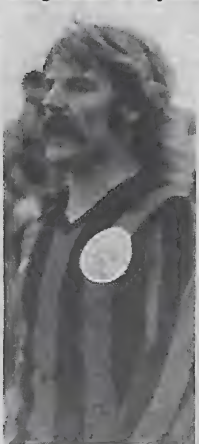
Captain Peter Wilson hasn't signed yet but the club is confident he will stay, as will Peter Stone who was so successful with the national team last year.

However, Wests have lost Alan Ainslie who joined Sydney Olympic for \$2000, striker Graham Norris who was sold to Hakoah for \$5000 and full back Col Curran who is joining Newcastle.

What's more Brian Dodd is negotiating with Brisbane City, Lloyd Harries, who was on loan last year, has joined Newcastle, Ken Lindsay is in doubt, goalkeeper Terry Eaton has not been seen at training yet and Bob Fryer is on the transfer list.

Steve Perry was considering a move to Brisbane but the latest news is he may stay with Wests after all.

Coach Mike Laing has already signed two reinforcements, both young players from English club Bristol Rovers.



Peter Wilson



Wally Lachowicz



KNUT WERNER

The homeless, the lonely, the overtaxed

Now that the silly season is over, as my liver will testify, the silly season of soccer is about to start.

Silly item number one — Mooroolbark and the Phillips National League have sued for a divorce.

Mooroolbark has won custody over the children and now plans to sell them to cover its property settlement.

Baby Pongho and the infant Lowrey have already found a good foster family in that nice middle class home of Croydon City.

Mooroolbark's affair and shaky marriage with the league is reminiscent of the perfect party guest.

First to arrive and first to leave.

Although they didn't get many of the hors d'oeuvres and bangers — which went to the more butch invitees — they did get every dance.

Unfortunately, they lost most of them and at the end of the evening were declared compulsively clumsy and tone deaf.

I think their greatest problem came from the loneliness of turning up at these functions without partners, thus constantly relying on the popular Hellas, Marconi and Alexander for their dances.

A quick \$50,000 course at Arthur Murray's and they may be able to turn up at several 50/50s or the country circuit.

Silly item number two concerns that which is the most important to the game of soccer, namely, the grass under the feet of the players.

Or with several clubs, the dirt under the feet of the players.

Those who have followed the fortunes of the prophet Pappasavas and his attempt to build a \$300,000 manger to coddle his flock at Middle Park, must now look to another bright star to shadow.

The MMBW, that Melbourne Institute famous throughout the world as a leader in the construction of modern crumbling ruins, gave South Melbourne Hellas permission to build a food and drink-dispensing club-room last year.

Then, along came that rotten APPLE corps (an environmental organisation whose letters stand for I-know-not-what) and put the kibosh on that.

They went to regulations drawn up while Abos were still a going concern in Melbourne.

It appears that the Press box was illegally built.

This I can verify, having sat, or rather stood, in that temple to reverse planning.

I am convinced that it was built first, in the dark of night, then measured and the dimensions put down on paper.

Unfortunately, this hasty construction was erected, out of necessity, in the dead of a night devoid of any moonlight and missed its target by 55 metres. (For the uninformed it stands behind one of the goals.)

Also, the fence around the ground should not be there.

It is claimed that Middle Park is for the people and for the free movement of the people.

So either Hellas has to look for a new location or turn itself into a charitable institution, making its money from the sale of sunflower seeds or the hire of deck chairs.

Seeing that one of the grounds for Mooroolbark's expulsion from the PSL was the lack of a suitable ground, there is nothing to stop it from using Middle Park.

While 44 players a match may be confusing at first, Mooroolbark could at least claim a crowd at last.

Rent up \$15,500

Silly item number three concerns a cloud covering Sunshine.

That fair city, which sounds as if it should be located in Queensland, is being bedevilled by the Victorian Railways.

That well-known institution is famous throughout the world for its modern crumbling exercise called public transport.

It appears that the Sunshine club has been leasing its ground from Vic Rail for about \$500 a year.

Vic Rail, in its perverted way of trying to hide the fact that it is losing about a million billion a year, is updating the rent.

After 1980, it is going to ask for about \$16,000 a year.

This intelligent method of revenue-raising will bring its deficit down to about one million billion dollars minus \$16,000.

It's a fiscal trend which obviously will re-establish our belief in the wisdom of the 10,000 executives and three station assistants who run this veritable collection of choo-choos.

Of course, if Sunshine is forced to vacate this siding, VicRail can harvest the ensuing grass which will climb as high as an elephant's eye and a maintenance cost which will reach to the sky.

Yes, it's going to be a good year for the writers of the bizarre!

\$200,000 building for West Adelaide

West Adelaide Hellas has bought a \$200,000 building in North Terrace.

The club's new president, Dr. Bill Kyros, said a liquor licence would be sought for the building, which will become Hellas' social club headquarters.

The building will feature a dance hall, meeting rooms and coffee lounge.

Dr Kyros, who replaces former president Dr Arthur Zalkos, said Hellas would sign up to five new players locally and from overseas.

"If we get all the men we're after, we'll be near the top this year," he said.

\$25,000 FOR SUTHERLAND

NSW State League club Sutherland will be sponsored by VIP Insurance for \$25,000 over the next five years.

VIP formerly sponsored Hakoah.

Toongabbie has also signed a sponsorship deal. The club will get \$20,000 from the Holden dealer-ship at Baulkham Hills.

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Alexander signs Mike Micevski

Fitzroy Alexander signed Marconi's international striker Mike Micevski last Sunday.

Marconi had quoted him at \$12,000 but Alexander managed to have the price reduced. The exact amount was not disclosed.

Micevski is a product of the Altona City Juniors in Melbourne.

After starring with Altona's senior team, he switched to Hakoah-St. Kilda

and from there joined Marconi for about \$7000.

Micevski played for Victoria, the Australian under 23 team and the full national team, but has not yet won a full cap.

He returned recently from West Germany where he tried out with Arminia Bielefeld.



Mike Micevski — from Marconi to Alexander

Margaritis stakes his claim

By JOE MAJOR

SOUTH MELBOURNE HELLAS 1 (Kent 80th). HAKOAH-EASTERN SUBURBS 1 (McGuinness 43rd) at Middle Park, crowd: about 2500.

HELLAS: Hansen; Pye, Vaughan, Kalafatis, Hagegmanouli; Wright, Lutton, Rogers, Cummings, French, Kent.
HAKOAH: Clarke, Kershaw, Thompson, O'Connor, Mowbray, Stevenson, McGuinness, Watson, Smith, Norris (B. Smith), Silva

Margaritis Hagegmanouli dispelled any doubts about his claims to a place in the Hellas side by outshining most of his team mates in a practice match against Hakoah-East on Sunday.

Hagegmanouli probably would not have played had Arthur Xanthopoulos been available. Given his chance he grasped it with both hands and played with verve, vigor and enthusiasm.

Peter Vaughan, Hellas' signing from Mooroolbark, showed the value of hard off-season training under new manager Dave Maclaren, but Hellas is still negotiating for another centre back in Europe.

Bertie Lutton had a good debut, but the other midfield recruit, Sammy Wright, was not as conspicuous.

With Peter Ollerton unavailable, Graham French, who had scored three goals against Frankston during the week, was given another game in the striker's position but he was easily brushed aside by Eddie Thompson and Steve O'Connor.

Joe Watson was probably the most impressive of the Hakoah players, followed by Henry Mowbray, Bobby McGuinness and, in the first half, Hilton Silva.

Goalkeeper Todd Clarke, who was out for most of last season due to injury, did not have much to do and new striker Graham Norris from Western Suburbs was replaced in the second half.

Hellas' Danish international goalkeeper John Hansen made some good saves and should prove a valuable asset to his new club.

Overall, Hakoah looked the more polished and slightly fitter team but lacked punch up front.

Coach Gerry Chaid blamed this falling on the absence of Murray Barnes who had just returned from a holiday in Europe and was therefore unavailable for the match.

Full back Kevin Mullen was also missing due to a leg injury.

Maclaren said he was quite pleased with his team, but that it would improve further, particularly in defence.



Peter Vaughan (right), Hellas' recruit from Mooroolbark, clears the ball in front of Hakoah's Terry Smith.



Chris Kent (right), scorer of Hellas' equalising goal, swerves to get past Alan Kershaw. Pictures by SAM BELFONTE.

Practice Games

South Melbourne Hellas will meet West Adelaide Hellas at Middle Park at 5 p.m. on Sunday.

On Saturday night at 8 p.m. West Adelaide will meet Alexander at Olympic Park.

On Sunday week Hellas meets St. George at Middle Park and the week after it meets Alexander.

On February 12, Alexander will play against Olympic in Sydney.

Six-a-side for juniors

Air India, in conjunction with Kingston Promotions, Puma and Slavia, will sponsor a Victorian 6-a-side soccer competition starting in early March.

Peter Collins, M.L.A., president of Slavia, said Air India's competition will be staged in two regions — Peninsula and Dandenong and will consist of two age groups per region — under 13 and under 15.

The competition will be played on a knock-out basis, resulting in the winner of the Peninsula Region playing off against the winner of the Dandenong Region.

The competition is open to any club in both regions and clubs may enter up to two teams in any one age group. A team will consist of 6 players plus one reserve.

Clubs will state the name of each player plus his passport number on the application form.

An entrance fee of \$1 a team will apply.

lodged by February 22.

All details may be obtained from Ken Lyon, competition co-ordinator, 73 Yulle Street, Frankston 3199 (Phone, evenings only 781 1796).

Peter Collins said there would be many valuable prizes, including — Puma sporting gear, footballs, track suits, etc. supplied by Ian Mann's Kingston Promotions, Parkdale.

All players who reach their regional final will be awarded a free coaching course to be run by Tommy Newbiggin, Senior V.S.F. coach, and Harry Chalkitis, V.S.F. staff coach for the Peninsula.

Every player in the competition will also receive a free season's pass to all State League games played at the Melbourne Showground during

Ristovski gets free, Picioane goes bang

By KYLE PATTERSON

FOOTSCRAY J.U.S.T. 1 (Picioane) FITZROY ALEXANDER 0, Olympic Park Saturday night. Crowd 2200.

J.U.S.T.: Boland, Parrot, Kondorios, Kiriatis (Keric, half-time), Ilioski, Rujovic (Belic, 76th min.), Palinkas (Martin, 63rd min.), Picioane, Ristovski, Vasic, Nicolaidis.
ALEXANDER: Blasby, McMillan, Provan, O'Reilly, Tansey, Bozikas, Taylor, Tront (Campbell, half-time), P. Bannon, Buljevic, Micevski.
Referee: Joe Slaats.

Footscray J.U.S.T. won this game thanks to a brilliant goal by Joe Picioane and Alexander's inability to capitalise on the many goalscoring chances it created.

For J.U.S.T., coach Cedo Cirkovic the win was almost a surprise.

"We have been training only three weeks so it is a bit early to expect much from the boys. However I am pleased we won," he said.

Alexander coach Tony Boggi was disappointed but not worried by the result.

"We should have won by four goals," he said, "but apart from the missed chances I was reasonably happy with the team."

Alexander lined up with Mike Micevski up front in place of the injured Gary Cole.

Pat Bannon, sweeper for part of last season, played a deep-lying midfield role.

For J.U.S.T., Zoran Ilioski started at left-back, a position he rarely plays. Andrija Ristic was out injured and Frank Miele did not play.

Andy Bozikas came close to putting Alexander into the lead in the fifth minute.

Bozikas sent Buljevic away down the right Buljevic, held the ball, then pushed it inside for Bozikas to run on and hammer a shot at goal which Dennis Boland managed to push over the bar.

The first of many easy misses by Alexander came in the 21st minute. Buljevic put over an excellent cross which found Ken Taylor in space in the penalty area.

With only the keeper to beat, Taylor misjudged and the ball dribbled away for a goal kick.

Micevski and Joe Tront were having trouble getting into the game and Jim Tansey was worried by the kill and speed of Mendo Ristovski.

Picioane and Dragan Vasic were working hard but the small J.U.S.T. forwards weren't given much room by the hard-tackling Arthur McMillan.

Micevski missed a golden opportunity two minutes before half-time. Boland fumbled a cross and the ball dropped to Micevski who blasted a volley wide with the keeper stranded.

At half-time Cirkovic replaced Jim Kiriatis with 16-year-old Karic.

Ilioski moved into the middle of the back four to allow the youngster to play left-back.

Tony Boggi took off the disappointing Tront for Jim Campbell. Campbell played as a striker and Micevski dropped back into midfield.

Buljevic was by far the most dangerous forward on the field. Whenever he was on the ball Fitzroy looked menacing.

In the 62nd minute he picked up the ball at the half way line and accelerated past two defenders before shooting just wide from 20 metres. It was vintage Buljevic.

Ristovski and Picioane showed some great skills. It was Ristovski's ball wizardry that led to the J.U.S.T. goal.

He had turned Tansey inside out in the second-half and on more than one occasion was felled by desperation tackles.

One tackle by Tansey in the 76th minute gave Footscray a direct free-kick on the edge of the penalty area.

Picioane took the kick and smashed a swerving shot over the wall into the top corner of the net, giving Alexander keeper Peter Blasby no



Joe Picioane



Branko Buljevic

The goal lifted J.U.S.T. and John Nicolaidis shot wide after a good run. soon after.

Mike Micevski was playing a lot better in the midfield and was unlucky when a shot from 30 metres hit the post. Later Bannon and Buljevic missed easy chances.

Campbell and Andy Bozikas did a lot of strong running but couldn't penetrate the Footscray rearward where Jim Kondorios and Ilioski defended soundly.

For Alexander it was a case of "if only we hadn't missed so many chances", but as Cirkovic said after the game: "Many times we have missed five open goals in a game and still lost. It's the ones that go in that count."

Avala in trouble

Avala is in trouble over its ground.

The NSW Federation ruled that the present ground was not up to scratch and that Avala should find another. At the moment Avala is groundless.

Tommy Mihajlovic has transferred to Yugal, the club he was with before coming to Avala.

Ross returns

Marrickville Olympic has strengthened its first team squad by signing two new players.

Ross Brown returns after playing with Toongabbie in the NSW Second division last year and Oscar Ramirez, an Argentinean, crosses over from Apia.

Coach John Xipollitas is looking for a young striker to

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Margaritis Hagegmanouli



Hellas' Danish international goalkeeper John Hansen.

Introducing the 16 finalists . . .

• Sixteen national coaches and the Argentine military and police forces are drawing battle lines for the World Cup finals.

The coaches are plotting to outdo each other. The armed brigades are preparing for any politically-motivated unrest that could make the 1978 World Cup a disaster.

For the next 16 weeks, "Soccer Action" will turn the spotlight onto the teams that will take part in the finals.

In addition to a comprehensive run-down on each nation, we will run regular updates on practice games, personnel changes and other relevant news.

The first team in the series is **POLAND** — coached by Jacek Gmoch, successor to Kazimierz Gorski . . .

Poland has a real chance of winning the 1978 World Cup, according to goalkeeper Jan Tomaszewski and striker Grzegorz Lato.

Both players were included in most of the "All Star XI" teams compiled by newspapers and magazines after the 1974 world championships in which Poland finished third behind West Germany and Holland.

Tomaszewski saved two penalties and conceded only five goals in the 1974 finals and now has more than 50 caps. Lato, with seven goals in seven matches, was the top scorer of the 1974 finals. In the qualifying series for the present World Cup he and Kaz Deyna scored four goals each.

Certainly Poland will advance to the second round in Argentina, together with West Germany. The others in the group are Tunisia and Mexico.

However, the Poles will have a harder struggle than in 1974 in the latter stages.

Tomaszewski and Lato themselves admit it will be far from easy.

Both choose West Germany as the strongest team in the competition. Says Lato: "They work hard and they never admit they're beaten until the final whistle goes. Each player knows exactly what his job is and they've all got the mental capacity to read the game well and to find the weaknesses in the opposition. I don't think any other European side can claim to be such a complete team."

Surprisingly, both Tomaszewski and Lato

| Groupings for the 1978 World Cup finals in Argentina this year: | | | |
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| GROUP ONE | GROUP TWO | GROUP THREE | GROUP FOUR |
| Argentina | West Germany | Brazil | Holland |
| Italy | Poland | Sweden | Scotland |
| Hungary | Mexico | Austria | Iran |
| France | Tunisia | Spain | Peru |

expect a European team, not a South American one, to win the World Cup. Tomaszewski's favorites are Poland, West Germany and Holland, while Lato concedes that Argentina might also have a chance.

Tomaszewski says of South American football: "They haven't the



By qualifying for the 1978 World Cup finals, Poland maintained the extraordinary run of successes that started in 1972 when it won the Olympic gold medal in Germany. That team, pictured at left, was, back row from left: Gorgon, Szymczak, Kmielek, Maszczyk, Deyna, Anczok, Gadocha, Szoltysik; front: Cmlkiewicz, Lubanski, Gut, Kostka, Kraska. Deyna was top scorer in the tournament, with nine goals. In 1974 Poland came third in the World Cup, beating Brazil 1-0 in the play-off. That team, pictured at right, was: Deyna, Tomaszewski, Gorgon, Musial, Szymanowski, Kaspercak, Szarmach, Gadocha, Zmuda, Lato, Maszczyk. Lato was top scorer of the series.



Age may be problem for Poland



Henryk Kaspercak of Stal Mielec.

tactical discipline. The players are too individualistic and they're not very strong. They've got good ball control but they make poor use of it.

They hang on to the ball too long and they play too slowly."

Lato adds: "Their slowness in passing the ball gives a typical European defence ample time to regroup. Also,

the South American player tends to be very good when he's got the ball, but nowhere near as effective when he hasn't got it."

OK, so what does Poland have to counteract these supposedly weak latins?

"We attempt to make the ball do most of the work," says Lato. "We try to have a clear picture of exactly what we want to do with the ball and we're always looking for a colleague who's managed to drift into a scoring position. I'd say at the moment Poland is among the top sides in the world. The team is still lacking a little in balance but we've developed a good, well-defined style and we'll certainly be difficult to beat in Argentina."

Poland's emergence started in 1972 when it won the Olympic gold medal in Munich.

Next came third place in the 1974 World Cup and the silver medal in the Montreal Olympic Games.

Deyna and Lubanski are the only two players who were present back in 1972, but there is a move to recall big, blond centre back Jerzy Gorgon who also played in the '72 Olympics.

However, it's hard to see Gorgon displacing regular stopper Wladyslaw Zmuda of Slask Wroclaw, and he certainly wouldn't come in at the expense of sweeper Henryk Kaspercak, who has been Poland's brightest star over the past 12 months.

If Poland's coach, Jacek Gmoch, has any particular problem, it is

How they got there

Poland's qualifying games:
October 16, 1976 in Oporto:

Portugal 0 Poland 2 (Lato 2)

Poland team: Kukla; Rzesny, Zmuda, Rudy, Kaspercak, Masztaler, Szarmach, Lato, Deyna, Maculewicz, Terlecki (Wawrowski).

Attendance: 30,000.
October 31, 1976 in Warsaw:

Poland 5 (Deyna 2, Terlecki penalty, Szarmach, Boniek) Cyprus 0.

Poland team: Kukla; Maculewicz, Zmuda, Masztaler, Kaspercak, Boniek, Sybil, Lubanski, Szarmach, Deyna, Terlecki.

Attendance: 80,000.
May 1, 1977 in Copenhagen:

Denmark 1 (Simonsen) Poland 2 (Lubanski 2).

Poland team: Tomaszewski; Dziuba, Zmuda, Deyna, Masztaler, Kaspercak, Lato, Wiecek, Lubanski (Boniek), Szarmach, Rudy (Boguszewicz).

Attendance: 48,000.
May 15, 1977 in Limassol:

Cyprus 1 (Antonliou) Poland 3 (Lato, Terlecki, Mazur).

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Attendance: 12,000.
September 21, 1977 in Chorzow:

Poland 4 (Masztaler, Lato, Deyna, Szarmach) Denmark 1 (Nygaard penalty).

Poland team:

Tomaszewski; Wawrowski, Zmuda, Maculewicz, Rudy, Kaspercak, Deyna (Boniek), Masztaler (Nawaka), Lato, Lubanski, Szarmach.

Attendance: 100,000.
October 29, 1977 in Chorzow:

Poland 1 (Deyna) Portugal 1 (Manuel Fernandes).

Poland team:

Tomaszewski; Wawrowski, Zmuda, Maculewicz, Rudy, Kaspercak, Masztaler (Boniek), Deyna (Erlich), Nawaka, Lato, Szarmach.

Attendance: 80,000.
Final standings in European Group One:

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Poland 5 1 0 17 4 11

Portugal 4 1 1 12 6 9

Denmark 2 0 4 14 12 4

Cyprus 0 0 6 3 24 0

Denmark and Portugal — weren't of a particularly high standard.

Helmut Schoen, coach of West Germany, is the first to see it that way.

Germany and Poland clash in the first of the Cup matches on June 1.

Schoen recalled that Germany beat Poland by only 1-0 in the semi-finals of the 1974 series, mainly due to the excellent form of goalkeeper Sepp Maier, who Tomaszewski praises as the best in the world.

Which matches will begin at 13.45 and 16.45 hours will be fixed after the draw for the grouping on January 14, 1978 at 18.00 hours local time in Buenos Aires.

The opening match on June 1 and the third place and final matches on June 24 and 25 will all begin at 15.00 hours local time.

Any replay of the final which might become necessary would be played on Tuesday, June 27 also at 15.00 hours local time.



Goalkeeper Jan Tomaszewski of LKS Lodz.

Kick-off June 1

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| 10 ZMUDA | 20 WIECZOREK |
| 12 MASZCZYK | 21 GUT |
| 14 KASPERCZAK | 22 CMIKIEWICZ |
| 16 DEJNA | 23 KAPKA |



Under pressure from Alfredo, Grzegorz Lato launches the shot that gave Poland a 1-0 victory over Brazil in the play-off for third place in the 1974 World Cup.

Next week: ARGENTINA



He aims to put Geelong on the map

Victorian Provisional League club Geelong has appointed former Irish First Division player Ces Earley as coach.

Earley had a season with Coburg, Corio and Hamlyn Rangers, together with a spell at Bell Park where, as player-coach,

he took the side from Division Four to Division Three. Geelong has been training every Tuesday and Thursday since early January and Earley has included in his training plans Sunday beach work.

The Geelong club is looking for the goal it has been unable to achieve since entering the Provisional League promotion to the Metropolitan League.

The Geelong first XI will be sponsored by the Pyramid Permanent Building Society and sponsorship has been arranged for its junior sides with the Geelong Honda Centre, Corio Timberland and Noel P. Robinson Real Estate all providing equipment and dress.

At present Geelong has lost only one player, full back Jim Llewellyn, who returned to his home town of Manchester in January.

The club has been fortunate enough to get new changing facilities, and ground improvements should be ready before the start of the season.

A large range of social fixtures has been arranged for the season and the club is looking to opposition clubs in the Provisional League to patronise these functions on their visits to Geelong's Sted Park.

Bingo has been a boon in the club and a strong social committee is working hard to put Geelong on the map in 1978.

At the club's annual general meeting **Cr Gerry Smith** was returned unopposed while **Mrs Olga Prior**, a former Corio soccer club committee member, was elected treasurer.

They will join secretary **Chris van Beek** and vice chairman **Alex Sokoloff** plus committee members **Peter Quince**, **Stan Wootton**, **Mrs Karen Hardy**, **Merv Green**, and **Dennis Carter** to lead the club.

Geelong's Provisional League record.

| W | L | D | Pts |
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| 1972 | 5 | 7 | 40 32 06 |
| 1973 | 11 | 5 | 66 22 06 |
| 1974 | 15 | 3 | 48 26 24 |
| 1975 | 12 | 5 | 30 38 34 |
| 1976 | 13 | 6 | 60 24 1st |
| 1977 | 12 | 5 | 66 31 3rd |



A view from the junior ranks
BY LEIF JENSEN

Let's back the experts

After listening to some of the drill from club officials at the last meeting between clubs and the Junior League Management Committee I am starting to have my doubts about any progress being made.

It's disappointing to watch a meeting such as this turning into a kindergarten playtime, with grown men giggling and cackling about what colour paper to 'go by' instead of giving the real issue some serious thought — the issue being our youngsters' future in soccer.

The only place these heads would be of any use would be at the entrance to Luna Park, with a 40 watt globe stuck in each ear, although I don't suppose there would be enough power in these heads to light up the globe.

I could of course be wrong, but I always thought that the JLMC members (who are appointed by us) and the director of coaching, are put there to guide us, and if this is not so, then what the hell do we need them for.

For anybody who might have any doubts about the sincerity of any of these people, I would suggest that you take a little time to find out just what is being done. You obviously don't know.

Can I suggest that these fellows with the big mouths, take part in a week's coaching

course, where people like **Eric Worthington**, **Jim Shoulder**, **Ron Smith** or **Fred Buncie** are in charge and if, after working with these people for a week, you still doubt the dedication and sincerity of these men who are trying to improve our soccer, I for one will give the game away.

So, come on all you junior coaches, let us concentrate on improving our boys' skills this season and not worry too much about winning or losing a game or two. I am sure it will pay off in the future.

Let us look for new ways to do the old job this year and we will make progress!

Big things are expected this year from the boys of the Essendon City team that won the Victorian under 12B championship in 1977.

The boys' record, from 14 games, was: won 12, lost one and drew one. Their only loss was by default, as they arrived late at Mossfield when one of the cars broke down.

Equal best and fairest were **D. Drasen** and **R. Liberto**, while **D. Martino**, with 21, was the top scorer. **D. Veenaver** was best team man.

The team, pictured above, is standing from left: **A. Veenaver** (coach), **J. Ianello**, **J. Zavala**, **F. Dilizza**, **R. Denicoli**, **S. Andreoli**, **R. Andreoli**, **J. Balato**. Front row, from left: **R. Adorno**, **Toho**, **D. Martino**, **R. Liberto**, **D. Veenaver** (captain), **E. Kurtulus**, **A. Doig**.



Coach Gerry Katiforis has high hopes for the Collingwood under 9B team of 1977.

The boys finished fourth last season and have improved sufficiently to do much better this year. They are pictured above.

Geelong coach Ces Earley

ZIKA NIKOLIC



Svaki duzi odmor ostavljao je uvek negativne tragove na nogometskom planu, jer se mnogi najvici ohladi ili pronadju novu rasonodu, koja ih sasvim odvuca od nogometa.

Tako ce biti i ove godine, ukoliko nogometsko prvenstvo sveta, koje se odrzava u Argentini od 1. do 25. juna, ne pobudi specijalno zanimanje, iako se Australija nije plasilala u finale.

Klubovi, o kojima smo ranije pisali u ovoj rubrici, marljivo se pripremaju za novu sezonu.

JUST nema zvucnih prinova, ali jos uvek ima namjadje igrace u Nacionalnoj Ligi, koji ce ove godine biti sigurno iskusniji i uspesniji. Na prijateljskoj utakmici protiv Aleksandra prole subote na Olympic Parku, zadovoljili su navijace zreliom igrom i dobrom kondicijom, iako su poceli kasnije sa treningom od Aleksandra. Jedino Dragan Vasic treba da skine nekoliko kilograma. Pobili su sa skromnim rezultatom od 1:0, ali su zadali mnogo vecu glavobolju protivniku nego sto to rezultat pokazuje.

Aleksandar je takodje imao nekoliko prilika, koje su brzo pretopropane, sto nije bilo nikakvo opravdanje za grube nastaje, kad god bi "plave cigre" ugrozile njihov gol.

Josip Picioane se upisao u "zvezde" jos prole godine, ali ce njegovo majstorstvo sa loptom tek sada doći do izražaja. Gol, koji je dao Aleksandru iz solbodnog udarca, malo je renek delo. Zoran Ilioski je igrao prvi put beka tako uspesno kao da se rodio na tom mestu. Najbolji na terenu je bio Jim Kondarios. Pored kondicije i borbenosti popravio je baratanje sa loptom.

Trener Ceda Kirkovic svake godine izbaci nekoliko talenata na površinu. Po njegovom planu ove godine treba da se probiju u prvi tim Ivica Karic i Vlatko Belic. Objigia su usli u 17. godinu.

Svim pravim ljubiteljima nogometa, a posebno navijacima JUST-a, tesko pada verovatni odlazak sa zelenog polja Franka Mica i Andy Kazija, dva velika igraca i izvanredna sportska karaktera, kakvi se retko radjaju i zbog kojih navijaci pune sportske stadione. Njihove znanje i iskustvo treba iskoristiti za podizanje novih narastaja.

OBNOVLJENA MAKEDONIJA
Od svih klubova državne lige Viktorije, Makedonija ima najveće ambicije. Sa novim trenerom i pet igrača pregazili su prošle subote Ajax sa 6:0. Pravu vrednost novilije treba da potvrde iduce nedelje u prijateljskom susretu sa Essendonom, koji takodje ima velike planove za novu sezonu.

Drugi tim JUST-a nema prinova za novu sezonu, sto ne znaci da neće biti uspesna sa malo vise sreće. Trener je ponovo Slobodan Zoraja, koji je izvukao tim iz krize i neugodnog položaja na kraju prošle sezone. Ovaj tim igra prvu zvaničnu utakmicu vec 8. februara protiv St. Albans za Federation Cup.

INTER iz Williamstowna je poverio trenersku dužnost svome veteranu Andriji Dovici, ali se bez novih igrača ne mogu od njega ocekivati čuda.

VOJVODINA iz Wiltona je tek pocela sa pripremanja, pa je rano govoriti o njenim mogućnostima, koje ce ostati mozdta iste kao prošle godine ako se tim ne pojača.

Nasi momci iz Springvala imaju vrlo dobru mladu ekipu i odlucno igraliste, ali ipak nisu uspeali da se uključe u veci rang takmicenja.

PELISTER iz Pascoe Vala je imao najlosiju sezonu prošle godine, ali nas uveravaju da se neće vise ponoviti, jer ce svi igrači biti na okupu.

CARLTON/SRBILJA je posle uspesne igre na turniru u Sidneju povratila duh i moral. Ocekuje se uspeh u novom prvenstvu, pod uslovom da Zika Karic ostane trener.

U industriskoj ligi barjak ce nositi i ove godine **PEGAZUS** i **TARAX**, koji su se vec sastali prošle nedelje na festivalu u Dandenongu. Susret vecitih rivala bio je ravnopravan i uzbuđujuć, ali je sreća, kao uvek do sad bila na strani Pegazusa, koji je pobedio sa 2:0 (0:0). Golove su postigli Sabljak i Fus. Najbolji za Pegazus su bili brat Dragomir Kurjan, Miro Kostic, Mori, a za Tarax Sandor Kazi, Steva Kosovac, Mladen Kresinger i Griffith.

Tarax se nada da ce ove godine imati us svojim redovima Andy Kazija i Petra Jovica, sto bi bilo izvanredno pojačanje.

NAVJACI POMAZU PLAVE
Do sada su navijaci JUST-a pomagali svoj tim samo na utakmicama. Poklici "pla-vi, pla-vi" postali su sastavni deo nogometne atmosfere u Viktoriji.

Od ove godine navijaci su poceli da pružaju i aktivnu pomoc. Ono sto su do sad uradili na igralistu JUST-a navijaci Josip Kovac, Andrija Gapco, Milan Sormaz, Gostimir Panic i drugi, ne moze se novcem platiti.

Da ne bi zaostali za svojim kolegama sa Zapadne strane Melbourne, navijaci JUST-a iz Springvala priredjuju PLAVU NOC u subotu 25. februara u Dandenong Town Hall-u. Cist prihod je namenjen za izgradnju stadiona u Footscray-u.

O'Halloran for sale

Victorian First Division club Doveton has placed its junior State representative Tom O'Halloran, 18, on the transfer list.

He has been given permission to train with Slavia.

O'Halloran, who will go to the U.S. with the Australian schoolboys' team in May, was on loan to Ringwood Wilhelmina last year.

Bird leaves Berwick

Victorian District League club Berwick City has lost its 1977 player of the year, Eddie Bird, who is returning to England.

However, the club has retained its successful coach **Len Cook** who helped lift Berwick to fourth place on the ladder last year.

Other trophy winners were **John Mealla**, most improved; **Terry Jones**, reserves player of the year, and **Barry Hare**, best clubman.



These are the top two players in the Latrobe Valley, in their respective class.

At left is **T. Murray**, 1977 reserves best and fairest and at right is senior best and fairest **C. Lang**.

Biewer for Keilor?

Long-serving St. Albans player Joe Biewer has expressed interest in joining Keilor City. The club may lose full back Leo Korosidis who has been training with Footscray J.U.S.T. Korosidis switched from Altona two years ago.

Hoszkowski may quit Auburn

Joe Martin, new coach of NSW club Auburn, can claim a unique record.

Joe was third team coach at Auburn in 1976, moved up to take control of the second team last season and now has been appointed the first team coach.

Steve Leak, striker for Auburn in last season's grand final against Croatia, will be overseas for 12 months and unavailable to play lay.

Former Soccerro **Gary Quested** is out for a year due to injury.

Star goalkeeper **Steven Hoszkowski** and **Pat Deller** have asked for transfers. The situation is at stalemate, but if Hoszkowski leaves it will be a great blow to the club.

\$425,000 SWITCH

LONDON — Tommy Craig, the Newcastle midfielder player, has signed for Aston Villa for a club record fee of £250,000 sterling (425,000 Aust. dollars).

Scottish international Craig was unsettled at Newcastle, having been relieved of the club captaincy by new manager Bill McGarry.

Women's five-a-side

The draw for the Victorian Women's Soccer Association 5-a-side competition, at Footscray Y.M.C.A., Essex Street, Footscray, is:

February 5
1.30 pm. Dandenong v Broadmeadows, 1.46 pm. Springvale C. v Melton, 2.02 pm. Richmond v Greensborough, 2.18 pm. Waverley 1st v Springvale Utd, 2.34 pm. Hellas v Green Gully, Waverley Res. BYE, 2.50 pm. Broadmeadows v Waverley Res, 3.06 pm. Dandenong v Hellas, 3.22 pm. Springvale C. v Waverley 1st, 3.38 pm. Greensborough v Springvale Utd, 3.54 pm. Melton v Green Gully, Richmond BYE, 4.10 pm. Richmond v Springvale C, 4.26 pm. Waverley Res v Hellas, 4.42 pm. Melton v Dandenong.

February 12
1.30 pm. Broadmeadows v Springvale C, 1.46 pm. Green Gully v Waverley Res, 2.02 pm. Springvale Utd v Hellas, 2.18 pm.

Greensborough v Waverley 1st, 2.34 pm. Melton v Richmond, Dandenong BYE, 2.50 pm. Waverley 1st v Richmond, 3.06 pm. Hellas v Springvale C, 3.22 pm. Waverley Res v Dandenong, 3.38 pm. Green Gully v Broadmeadows, 3.54 pm. Springvale Utd v Melton, Greensborough BYE, 4.10 pm. Waverley 1st v Waverley Res, 4.26 pm. Dandenong v Greensborough, 4.42 pm. Hellas v Broadmeadows.

February 19
1.30 pm. Springvale C v Dandenong, 1.46 pm. Richmond v Broadmeadows, 2.02 pm. Waverley 1st v Melton, 2.18 pm. Hellas v Greensborough, 2.34 pm. Waverley Res v Springvale Utd, Green Gully BYE, 2.50 pm. Broadmeadows v Springvale Utd, 3.06 pm. Dandenong v Green Gully, 3.22 pm. Springvale C v Waverley Res, 3.38 pm. Richmond v Hellas, 3.54 pm. Melton v Greensborough, Waverley 1st BYE, 4.10 pm. Waverley 1st v Dandenong, 4.26 pm. Springvale C v

Springvale Utd, 4.42 pm. Green Gully v Greensborough.

February 26
1.30 pm. Broadmeadows v Waverley 1st, 1.46 pm. Dandenong v Richmond, 2.02 pm. Springvale Utd v Green Gully, 2.18 pm. Greensborough v Waverley Res, 2.34 pm. Melton v Hellas, Springvale C BYE, 2.50 pm. Hellas v Waverley 1st, 3.06 pm. Waverley Res v Richmond, 3.22 pm. Green Gully v Springvale C, 3.38 pm. Springvale Utd v Dandenong, 3.54 pm. Greensborough v Waverley 1st, 4.10 pm. Green Gully v Waverley 1st, 4.26 pm. Richmond v Melton, 4.42 pm. Greensborough v Springvale C.

March 5
1.30 pm. Broadmeadows v Melton, 1.46 pm. Green Gully v Waverley 1st, 2.02 pm. Springvale Utd v Richmond.
Details of play-offs and finals, and men's game will be announced at a later date.

ΕΘΝΙΚΟ ΠΡΩΤΑΘΛΗΜΑ No. 2

Καλή χρονιά έστω και με ένα μήνα καθυστέρηση.

Καινούργιος χρόνος, καινούργιο έθνος, πρωτάθλημα, λίγα τα καινούργια πράγματα, μία καινούργια ομάδα στο 2ο «οικογενειακό» πρωτάθλημα και κατά τα άλλα, τα γνωστά.

Οι προπονητές ανακατεύτηκαν όπως τα τραπουλόχαρτα και στην νέα μοιρασιά βλέπουμε ότι ο προπονητής της Χακκά πηγε στην Ελλάδα, ο προπονητής της Έλλάς αποχώρησε από το Έθνικό πρωτάθλημα, ο προπονητής του Μέγα πηγε στην Ελλάδα. Άδελαιδός ενώ προπονητής που άποιασε από την ποδοσφαιρική δραστηριότητα της Βικτωρίας για αρκετό διάστημα ανέλαβε τον Άλεξάνδρο. Ταυτόχρονα βλέπουμε συνδυασμό να αναλαμβάνει την προπονητική του Σύνδου Όλμπικ. Κανένας νέος προπονητής, καμία καινούργια ιδέα στο ποδόσφαιρο της Αυστραλίας.

Έτσι λοιπόν είναι όλοι σχεδόν έτοιμοι να αρχίσουν και πάλι κάτι που με πολλά ερωτήματα τελειώσαν πέρυσι, το έθνικό πρωτάθλημα.

Υπόρξαν όμως και αλλαγές. Μία ομάδα χρεώκοπσε και από χώρους από το 2ο έθνικό πρωτάθλημα. Δέν υποβιβάστηκαν.

Απλά φηφίστηκε η αποχώρησή της. Την αγωνία του υποβιβάσμού θα μας την χαρίσουν οι διοργανωτές το 1979.

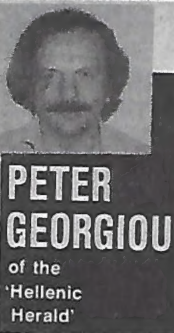
Στην θέση λοιπόν του Μούρουλτσου μπαίνει μία νέα ομάδα από την Βόρειο Ν.Ν.Ο το Νιούκαστλ.

Πρωτού έχοτε να άπορείτε ος πληροφούμε ότι η Βόρειος Ν.Ν.Ο έχει δική της ποδοσφαιρική άποσπονδία και το Νιούκαστλ δέν λαμβάνεται υπ' όφιν ος ομάδα του Σύνδου.

Απίστευτο και όμως αληθινό.

Όποιον πρόεδρο ρωτήσετε θα πάρετε την ίδιο στερεότυπη άπάντηση σχετική με τα οικονομικά του συλλόγου «μπακάμε μέσα».

Απόδειξη οι



PETER GEORGIU of the 'Hellenic Herald'

αματηρές οικονομίες στις μεταγραφές. Μεχρι στιγμής ο Μέγας δέν έκανε καμία άγορά παικτών, ενώ η Έλλάς έδεξε τα λίγότερα χρήματα σε άγορές παικτών από κάθε άλλη φορά. Ακόμη και ο δόκτορ που πέν Αυστραλία δέν έχει άκουσει κανένα «κανόνι» μεταγραφών άν και άρχισε στην Άδελαιδα να δημιουργείται θέμα Κοσμίνα.

Τίποτε τό καινούργιο λοιπόν και άκίνηση μεταγραφών, φαίνεται ότι θα είκομε για πιστό άντίγραφο του πρώτου άστικού πρωτάθλήματος. Οικονομικά, χωρίς διαβάθμιση, χωρίς στόχους μεγαλύτερους από ένα πρωτάθλημα, χωρίς καμία καινούργια ιδέα. Ακόμη και τό πληροφροιακό ύλικό που έκιδει η άργανωτική έπιτροπή του έθνικού πρωτάθλήματος δέν έχει κυκλοφορήσει.

Παρά την άπαισιόδοξη ματιά που ρίζνουμε στο 2ο πρωτάθλημα έντοτοις θα πρέπει να άμολογήομε ότι τό έθνικό πρωτάθλημα, τό όποιο χρόνια περιμένναμε, μπαίνει άισως στον δεύτερο χρόνο του. Και τό πρέπει να καθιερωθεί πλέον ος μία νόμιμη άθλητική έθνική διοργάνωση.

Μόνον καλλιτέρου άπο στό ποδόσφαιρο σπορούμε να περιμένουμε με την έθνική κατηγορία.

Στό 10 έθνικό πρωτάθλημα έγιναν πολλά και μεγάλα λάθη. Ήταν όμως η άρχή και ος άσος ήταν δύσκολη. Στην νέα ήπειρο περιμένουμε να δούμε άν οι ίθύνοντες έχουν διαχτεί από τό λάθος τους.

Π. Γεωργίου

The world of soccer . . . The world of soccer . . .



If anyone still had doubts about Brian Clough's ability, they were well and truly dispelled when he led Nottingham Forest back into the English First Division.

Who would have thought that this rejuvenated newcomer would have set the pace for the other, more well-established clubs of England's premier league? Was it feasible that Notts Forest could outdo giants like Liverpool, the Manchester, Derby, Arsenal and the rest? The answer, in the world of football, Brian Clough has given it.

Nottingham Forest, back row from left: Jimmy Gordon (coach), Bryn Gunn, Martin O'Neill, Ian Bowyer, Peter Withe, Viv Anderson, John Middleton, Garry Birtles, Barry Butlin (now Peterborough), Colin Barrett, Kenny Burns, Brian Clough (manager). Front: Larry Lloyd, Sean Haselgrave, Frank Clark, John McGovern, John Robertson, Terry Curran, Tony Woodcock.

Clough can do anything

Clough was a goalscorer with Middlesbrough and injury finished his career. His first job as manager was with Hartlepool and he has not

looked back since. Some of the players who have played for him include: VIV ANDERSON, KENNY BURNS, LARRY LLOYD, SEAN HASLGRAVE, FRANK CLARK, JOHN MCGOVERN, JOHN ROBERTSON, TERRY CURRAN, TONY WOODCOCK.

City in 1977, after scoring 19 goals for Birmingham that year. Holds eight Scottish caps.

FRANK CLARK, defender, signed in 1975 from Newcastle United where he played 388 games.

LARRY LLOYD, defender, signed from Coventry City in 1976. Also played for Bristol Rovers and Liverpool. Has three full caps.

PETER WHITE, striker, signed in 1976 from Birmingham. Also played for Southport, Barrow and Wolves. Top scorer for Forest in 1976.



Red Star captain Vladislav Bogicevic.

Bogicevic on shopping list

Red Star Belgrade's Vladislav Bogicevic is the latest European maestro being sought by New York Cosmos.

Bogicevic was on Red Star's visits to Australia in 1976 and 1977. Cosmos had also had private talks with Paul Breitner of German club Eintracht Braunschweig (Brunswick), following which Breitner said: "I expect that some time in the future Cosmos will be my new employer."

Borussia Moenchengladbach's Danish sensation Allan Simonsen is another German-based player being sought by US interests. Adrian Alston's club, the Tampa Bay Rowdies, are

reported to be willing to pay a million dollars for Simonsen. However, America has failed to lure "Bomber" Gerd Mueller from Bayern Munich and Johann Cruyff of Barcelona.

Cruyff, who, however, has agreed to play three guest games with Cosmos this year, says: "At this stage of my career it is I who will make football deals with others. It certainly won't be the other way around."

But the Americans have other stars on their shopping list. After the World Cup this year they will make rich bids for Brazil's Rivelino, Poland's Szarmach and Germany's Klaus Fischer.

More immediately, reserve players from England's Derby County and Coventry City will join a new American club, the Detroit Express, which also expects to import Germans Willi Lippens and the great Siegfried Held.

Detroit has been formed by a German, Willi Dewald, as a club with strong English ties. President is former FIFA boss Sir Stanley Rous, now 82.

German star Guenter Netzer was to have joined Detroit as well, perhaps as player coach, but he decided instead to take the job as manager of Kevin Keegan's club, Hamburger SV.



Guenter Netzer — manager of Hamburger SV.

Keegan, incidentally, may also play in the US.

There is talk that Hamburg may sell him for about \$600,000 to the English Westminster Bank, which would recoup the investment by offering him to various US clubs as a travelling guest player.

Keegan's former partner in the English national team, Peter Osgood, has meanwhile been sold to Philadelphia Fury for \$250,000.

Facchetti to quit



Giacinto Facchetti (pictured), who made his 94th international appearance against England at Wembley, announced that he will quit after this season and concentrate on becoming a coach.

"I learnt so much from my years under Helenio Herrera, and I think I can build on that and add some of my own ideas," said Facchetti, who is now 35. Facchetti made his league debut in 1960-61 and has played only for Inter at senior level.

English First Division club Newcastle tried to sign him on during a close-season tour of Malta.

The value of West Adelaide's guest player of 1977, Graeme Souness, was underlined when he was transferred from Middlesbrough to Liverpool recently. Souness switched for the remarkable fee of \$555,750. West Adelaide picked up Souness for guest games when he was here with Middlesbrough last year.

The FIFA seminar conducted in Fiji by Australians George Wallace, Eric Worthington, Stuart Gray and Leo Wilson, was one of many run world-wide, and conducted by some of the top names in world soccer. These



Miljan Miljanic

include Karl-Helmz Heddergott (Germany), who was in a FIFA mission to Hong Kong and Singapore, Ivan Toplak (Yugoslavia) who went to the Korean Republic, Miljan Miljanic (Yugoslavia) who went to Guatemala and later Zolt (Hungary) who went to Tanzania.

Stefan Bobek, one of the best known footballers from Yugoslavia, turned coach, was taken on at the beginning of the 1976/77 season by the most popular club in Tunisia, L'Esperance.

He was paid the highest monthly salary ever offered to a foreign coach in Tunisia (1 million Dinars).

However, luck did not smile on Bobek who, after 15 months coaching the club (17th in 1976/77) was not able to attain the anticipated results and has just been sacked.

Kajganic is dead

Boško Kajganic (pictured) the goalkeeper who toured Australia with Red Star Belgrade in 1976, has been killed in a car accident in Turkey. Kajganic, 28, was last year transferred to Turkish



Liverpool's cup

Liverpool became the first British team to win the European Super Cup when it beat Hamburg 6-0 in the second leg, thus taking the two-match 1-1 tie.

The first leg, in Hamburg, was drawn 1-1 with a goal by Ferdie Keller and the reply by David Fairclough.

Teams: Hamburg: stars, Kaitz, Hipp, Buljan, Egl, Zaczky, Memering, Magath, Keegan, Keller, Steffenhagen. Liverpool: Clemence, Neal, Thompson, Hughes, Smith, McDermott, Dalgligh, Kennedy, Case, Fairclough, Heighway, Hamburg: Kargus, Hipp, Kaitz, Helen, Nepply, Dertl, Keegan, Zaczky (Egl 58th), Magath, Keller (Steffenhagen 58th), Volkert. Past results of the Super Cup final: 1972: Ajax 3 Glasgow Rangers 1; Rangers 2 Ajax 3 (Ajax 5-3 on aggregate); 1973: Milan 1 Ajax 0; Ajax 6 Milan 0 (Ajax 6-1 on aggregate); 1974: Bayern Munich 0 Dynamo Kiev 1; Kiev 2 Bayern 0 (Kiev 3-0 on aggregate); 1976: Bayern 2 Anderlecht 1; Anderlecht 4 Bayern 1 (Anderlecht 5-3 on aggregate).

Other goals came from Phil Thompson, David Fairclough and Ken Dalgligh.

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Croatia's capture

Kevin Coleman, 1977 captain of the Australian schoolboys' team, has joined Sydney Croatia.

Coleman, 19, a midfielder, was with Granville last year and before that with Hakoah-East.

Croatia has also signed Steve Watson of Granville, but its goalkeeper Don Smith has returned to Northern NSW, to join the new Newcastle PSL club.

Attila Abonyi, who had been on the lookout for a good PSL offer, decided to remain with Croatia.



Attila Abonyi

Players from England and Croatia are expected to join the club soon.

The Floriana and Malta inside forward Raymond Xuereb was presented with the "Footballer of the Year" Trophy by the Association's President, Dr. G. Mifsud Bonnici before a recent League match against newly-promoted B'Kara, which Floriana won by four goals to nil.

Ray Xuereb had a most successful time last year and managed to finish as the league's top scorer with 16 goals to his credit. So impressive was Xuereb that the



Graeme Souness

International scoreboard

ITALY

ROME — Relegated soccer champions Juventus kept its two-point lead in the Italian First Division with a scoreless draw against Foggia.

The 16th round ended with five draws and low scoring as heavy rainstorms lashed large areas of Italy.

Playing in the South Italian town of Foggia, Juventus only managed a draw against the home team while league newcomer L. Vicoenza moved up into second place thanks to a 1-0 home win over Verona.

Its hard fought victory, marred by police firing teargas to stop fierce fan fights among the spectators, pushed Torino, Juventus' arch rival, into third place.

Torino, playing at home, held Rome to a 1-1 draw with both goals scored in the first 25 minutes of play.

Milan, which led the table until a month ago but now lies fourth, fought a brilliant 5-1 victory over Fiorentina after a scoreless first half.

Results: Bologna 2, Inter 1; Foggia 0, Juventus 0; Vicoenza 1, Verona 0; Lazio 0, Genoa 0; Milano 5, Fiorentina 1; Napoli 1, Pescara 1; Perugia 1, Atlanta 1; Torino 1, Roma 1.

| | W | D | L | F | A | P |
|-------------|---|---|----|----|----|----|
| Juventus | 0 | 7 | 1 | 25 | 8 | 23 |
| L. Vicoenza | 7 | 7 | 2 | 24 | 16 | 21 |
| Torino | 8 | 5 | 3 | 17 | 10 | 21 |
| Milan | 7 | 6 | 3 | 26 | 16 | 20 |
| Perugia | 6 | 7 | 3 | 24 | 18 | 19 |
| Napoli | 6 | 6 | 4 | 21 | 11 | 18 |
| Inter | 7 | 4 | 5 | 16 | 12 | 18 |
| Lazio | 4 | 8 | 4 | 17 | 17 | 15 |
| Verona | 3 | 9 | 4 | 15 | 17 | 15 |
| Atlanta | 4 | 6 | 18 | 17 | 21 | 14 |
| Foggia | 4 | 5 | 7 | 0 | 23 | 13 |
| Bologna | 4 | 4 | 8 | 12 | 10 | 12 |
| Fiorentina | 3 | 4 | 9 | 14 | 26 | 10 |
| Pescara | 1 | 7 | 8 | 11 | 24 | 9 |

WEST GERMANY

1. FC Kaiserslautern 0, Borussia Mönchengladbach 3; FC St. Pauli 2, Hamburger SV 3; Mönchengladbach 4, HSV Duisburg 0; VfL Bochum 1, Bayern Munich 1; 1. FC Cologne 3, 1. FC Saarbrücken 1; Werder Bremen 2, Eintracht Braunschweig 1; Eintracht Frankfurt 0, Hertha BSC Berlin 5; VfB Stuttgart 4, Borussia Dortmund 1; Fortuna Düsseldorf 1, Schalke 04 1.

| | W | D | L | F | A | P |
|--------------------------|----|---|---|----|----|----|
| 1. FC Cologne | 15 | 2 | 6 | 59 | 30 | 32 |
| Borussia Mönchengladbach | 11 | 6 | 4 | 49 | 35 | 28 |
| Hertha BSC Berlin | 11 | 6 | 4 | 41 | 34 | 28 |
| VfB Stuttgart | 12 | 3 | 8 | 41 | 27 | 27 |
| Fortuna Düsseldorf | 10 | 6 | 7 | 32 | 24 | 20 |

PORTUGAL

Braga 1, Porto 2; Partimense 3, Sporting 2; Setúbal 2, Estoril 1; Académico 5, Farense 1; Espinho 1, Boavista 2; Vitoria 2, Maritima De Funchal 1; Benfica 3, Nelsa 0; Beira-Mar 0, Guimarães 0.

| | W | D | L | F | A | P |
|-----------|----|---|----|----|----|----|
| Benfica | 11 | 4 | 0 | 31 | 6 | 26 |
| Porto | 10 | 4 | 1 | 34 | 13 | 24 |
| Boavista | 9 | 3 | 14 | 9 | 21 | 21 |
| Sporting | 8 | 3 | 4 | 29 | 19 | 19 |
| Guimarães | 8 | 3 | 4 | 20 | 13 | 19 |
| Braga | 8 | 2 | 5 | 25 | 14 | 18 |

GREECE

Epilao 2, Veria 0; Panak 3, Apollon 0; AEK 2, Olympiakos 0; Ethnikos 3, Panathinaikos 1; Iraklis 1, Kavala 2; Panathinaikos 1, Kallithea 1; OFI 0, Panathinaikos 0; Aris 0, Panathinaikos 1.

| | W | D | L | F | A | P |
|-----------|----|---|----|----|----|----|
| AEK | 10 | 4 | 1 | 34 | 13 | 24 |
| Veria | 9 | 3 | 14 | 9 | 21 | 21 |
| Sporting | 8 | 3 | 4 | 29 | 19 | 19 |
| Guimarães | 8 | 3 | 4 | 20 | 13 | 19 |
| Braga | 8 | 2 | 5 | 25 | 14 | 18 |

HOLLAND

AZ'67 Alkmaar 4, VVV Venlo 1; NEC Nijmegen 0, Amsterdams 0; FC Den Haag 5, Vitesse 2; Sparta Rotterdam 2, Telstar 1; FC Twente 2, PSV Eindhoven 1; Go Ahead Eagles 2, Deventer 1; FC Utrecht 1, Roda JC Kerkrade 0; Haarlem 2, Feyenoord Rotterdam 0; Ajax Amsterdam 3, HVC Bruns 1; Utrecht 1, Vitesse Arnhem 0.

| | W | D | L | F | A | P |
|-----------|----|---|---|----|----|----|
| PSV | 10 | 6 | 0 | 51 | 9 | 30 |
| FC Twente | 13 | 6 | 3 | 45 | 16 | 32 |
| AZ'67 | 12 | 6 | 4 | 50 | 19 | 30 |
| Ajax | 12 | 6 | 4 | 46 | 26 | 30 |
| Sparta | 10 | 7 | 5 | 35 | 23 | 27 |

BELGIUM

Beerschot 4, Waregem 0; La Louvière 3, Boom 1; Lokeren 2, Antwerp 0; Courtrai 3, Winterslag 0; Lierse 2, Beveren 1; Standard Liège 2, Charleroi 1; RWDM Molenbeek 1, CS Brugge 0; FC Brugge 2, Anderlecht 0; Daring 2, FC Liège 1.

| | W | D | L | F | A | P |
|-----------------|----|---|---|----|----|----|
| FC Brugge | 13 | 6 | 3 | 43 | 18 | 20 |
| Standard Liège | 10 | 5 | 4 | 28 | 13 | 25 |
| Athletic Bilbao | 8 | 6 | 5 | 33 | 21 | 22 |
| Rayo Vallecano | 9 | 4 | 6 | 37 | 25 | 22 |
| Valencia | 9 | 4 | 6 | 30 | 19 | 22 |

SPAIN

Athletic Bilbao 4, Espanol 0; Sevilla 1, Real Madrid 1; Salamanca 2, Burgos 0; La Palmas 2, Sporting 2; Hercules 0, Elche 0; Racing 2, Rayo Vallecano 1; Cadiz 1, Valencia 2; Athletic Madrid 2; Real Sociedad 1; Barcelona 1, Real Betis 0.

| | W | D | L | F | A | P |
|-----------------|----|---|---|----|----|----|
| Real Madrid | 13 | 3 | 4 | 33 | 18 | 20 |
| Barcelona | 10 | 5 | 4 | 28 | 13 | 25 |
| Athletic Bilbao | 8 | 6 | 5 | 33 | 21 | 22 |
| Rayo Vallecano | 9 | 4 | 6 | 37 | 25 | 22 |
| Valencia | 9 | 4 | 6 | 30 | 19 | 22 |

URUGUAY

Penarol will represent Uruguay in the Liberator's Cup later this year after beating Wanderers 3-0 in the last round of the six-team little league.

The other Uruguayan team to go forward in the South American Cup championship was to be decided last night in a match between Nacional and Danubio.

Final standings in the little league: 1. Penarol nine points; 2. Danubio seven; 3. Wanderers six; 4. Nacional four; 5. Liverpool two; 6. Defensor two.

UNITED KINGDOM

English FA Cup: Fourth round: Arsenal 2, Wolverhampton Wanderers 1; Bristol 2, Southampton 0; Ipswich 4, Hartlepool 1; Manchester Utd. 1, West Bromwich Albion 1; Middlesbrough 3, Everton 2; Newcastle 2, Wrexham 2; Orient 3, Blackburn 1; Walsall 1, Leicester 0; West Ham 1, Queens Park Rangers 1.

Bolton v Mansfield, Brighton v Notts County, Chelsea v Burnley, Derby v Birmingham, Millwall v Luton, Nottingham Forest v Manchester City, Stoke v Blyth Spartans. All postponed, grounds waterlogged.

ENGLISH DIVISION ONE: Aston Villa 1, Bristol City 0 (postponed from January 21).

DIVISION TWO — Cardiff 5, Sunderland 2; Crystal Palace v Blackpool postponed.

DIVISION THREE — Cambridge 0, Chester 0; Chesterfield 3, Portsmouth 0; Exeter 1, Shrewsbury 1; Hereford 1, Bradford City 2; Lincoln 3, Port Vale 0; Sheffield Wednesday 0, Swindon v Walsall, Wrexham v Peterborough, all postponed.

DIVISION FOUR — Aldershot 3, Huddersfield 3; Brentford 5, Crewe Alexandra 1; Swansea 1, Darlington 2; Torquay 2, Northampton 1; Watford 6, Doncaster 0.

Waltham v Reading, Newport v Barnsley, Southport v Walsley, Scunthorpe v Hartlepool, Rochdale v Grimsby, all postponed.

FRIENDLY: Swindon 2, Sheffield 3.

SOUTHERN LEAGUE PREMIER DIV. — Bath 1, Nuneaton 1; Dartford 0, Hillingdon 1; Grantham 3, Bedford 2; Yeovil 1, Cheltenham 1.

Barnet v Telford, Hastings v Leamington, Maidstone v Dover, Redditch v Middlesbrough, Wokingham v Kettering, Worcester v Weymouth, all postponed.

SCOTTISH FA CUP: Third round: Arbroath 0, Motherwell 4; Berwick 2, Rangers 4; Hamilton 1, Dundee 4; Hibernian 4, East Fife 0; Meadowbank 2, Inverness Caledonian 1; Queen of the South 2, Montrose 2.

Following 10 matches postponed, grounds soft: Aberdeen v Ayr, Arbroath v Hearts, Albion v Morton, Alloa v Dunbar, Celtic v Dundee, Partick Thistle v Cowdenbeath, St. Johnstone v Brechin, St. Mirren v Kilmarnock, Stirling Albion v Clydebank, Vale of Leithen v Queens Park.

SCOTTISH DIVISION TWO — East Stirling 2, Raith Rovers 2; Falkirk 1, Clyde 0; Dunfermline v Stenhousemuir, postponed.

NORTHERN IRISH LEAGUE — Ards 1, Derry City 2; Coleraine 3, Partick 2; Crusaders 2, Cliftonville 2; Glentworth 2, Ballymena 1; Glentworth 0, Gangan 1; Larne 1, Linfield 2.

FRIDAY GAMES

DIVISION THREE — Colchester 0, Tranmere 0.

DIVISION FOUR — Southend 5, Bournemouth 1; Stockport 2, York 0.

ENGLISH DIVISION ONE

| | W | D | L | F | A | P |
|---------------|----|---|---|----|----|---|
| Nottingham | 9 | 4 | 0 | 25 | 6 | 2 |
| Man City | 10 | 1 | 2 | 34 | 12 | 5 |
| Everton | 8 | 3 | 2 | 29 | 16 | 5 |
| Liverpool | 9 | 2 | 2 | 20 | 6 | 5 |
| Arsenal | 8 | 4 | 1 | 21 | 8 | 4 |
| Leeds Utd | 7 | 4 | 2 | 21 | 12 | 4 |
| Cardiff | 8 | 3 | 2 | 23 | 10 | 4 |
| Wolves | 8 | 3 | 2 | 20 | 8 | 2 |
| Norwich | 8 | 4 | 1 | 17 | 10 | 1 |
| Aston Villa | 6 | 2 | 4 | 16 | 11 | 4 |
| Derby City | 5 | 5 | 3 | 18 | 15 | 4 |
| Man Utd | 7 | 1 | 4 | 20 | 14 | 4 |
| Sheff Wed | 5 | 5 | 3 | 17 | 13 | 3 |
| Middlesbrough | 5 | 6 | 3 | 14 | 12 | 3 |
| Ipswich | 5 | 4 | 4 | 19 | 16 | 3 |
| Wolves | 8 | 2 | 3 | 22 | 15 | 0 |
| Birmingham | 5 | 5 | 2 | 20 | 4 | 1 |
| Bristol City | 6 | 3 | 3 | 24 | 10 | 5 |
| West Ham | 4 | 5 | 4 | 16 | 18 | 2 |
| QPR | 4 | 4 | 5 | 16 | 19 | 0 |
| Newcastle | 4 | 1 | 6 | 18 | 23 | 2 |
| Leicester | 2 | 5 | 6 | 19 | 0 | 4 |

ENGLISH DIVISION TWO

| | W | D | L | F | A | P |
|----------------|----|---|---|----|----|---|
| Bolton | 11 | 1 | 2 | 27 | 12 | 6 |
| Tottenham | 9 | 4 | 0 | 35 | 8 | 5 |
| Southampton | 10 | 2 | 1 | 24 | 8 | 5 |
| Brighton | 7 | 5 | 1 | 27 | 15 | 5 |
| Blackburn | 9 | 2 | 1 | 21 | 8 | 3 |
| Oldham | 7 | 5 | 1 | 20 | 11 | 4 |
| Luton | 7 | 3 | 3 | 21 | 8 | 3 |
| Sunderland | 7 | 3 | 3 | 20 | 13 | 1 |
| Crystal Palace | 5 | 4 | 4 | 21 | 17 | 4 |
| Blackpool | 5 | 4 | 2 | 20 | 14 | 5 |
| Sheff Utd | 8 | 3 | 2 | 23 | 16 | 2 |
| Fulham | 6 | 5 | 2 | 25 | 13 | 3 |
| Charlton | 8 | 2 | 2 | 27 | 16 | 1 |
| Orient | 5 | 6 | 2 | 20 | 16 | 1 |
| Bristol R | 7 | 5 | 2 | 24 | 12 | 4 |
| Stoke | 7 | 2 | 3 | 20 | 11 | 4 |
| Nett City | 6 | 6 | 1 | 24 | 15 | 1 |
| Cardiff | 7 | 5 | 2 | 23 | 18 | 0 |
| Hull | 5 | 5 | 3 | 16 | 12 | 1 |
| Burnley | 4 | 5 | 4 | 12 | 11 | 2 |
| Mansfield | 4 | 4 | 7 | 18 | 22 | 1 |
| Millwall | 2 | 6 | 4 | 9 | 14 | 1 |

ENGLISH DIVISION THREE

| | W | D | L | F | A | P |
|------------|----|---|---|----|----|---|
| Tranmere | 11 | 2 | 2 | 30 | 12 | 3 |
| Gillingham | 8 | 5 | 1 | 28 | 13 | 4 |
| Cambridge | 11 | 2 | 1 | 33 | 8 | 3 |
| Wrexham | 9 | 5 | 0 | 28 | 13 | 4 |

ENGLISH DIVISION FOUR

| | W | D | L | F | A | P |
|------------|----|---|---|----|----|---|
| Doncaster | 11 | 2 | 2 | 30 | 12 | 3 |
| Gillingham | 8 | 5 | 1 | 28 | 13 | 4 |
| Cambridge | 11 | 2 | 1 | 33 | 8 | 3 |
| Wrexham | 9 | 5 | 0 | 28 | 13 | 4 |

| | W | D | L | F | A | P |
|--------------|----|---|---|----|----|---|
| Preston | 10 | 2 | 1 | 29 | 12 | 1 |
| Bury | 6 | 7 | 1 | 24 | 13 | 4 |
| Colchester | 6 | 7 | 1 | 22 | 9 | 4 |
| Peterborough | 6 | 6 | 0 | 13 | 8 | 4 |
| Swindon | 9 | 4 | 1 | 31 | 12 | 5 |
| Shrewsbury | 7 | 3 | 4 | 27 | 14 | 3 |
| Chertsey | 9 | 3 | 2 | 21 | 6 | 3 |
| Chertsey | 7 | 5 | 0 | 20 | 11 | 9 |
| Carlisle | 5 | 6 | 2 | 20 | 15 | 4 |
| Walsall | 5 | 5 | 3 | 17 | 11 | 2 |
| Exeter | 6 | 4 | 4 | 19 | 15 | 3 |
| Oxford | 7 | 4 | 2 | 21 | 13 | 1 |
| Lincoln | 4 | 6 | 4 | 18 | 17 | 4 |
| Rotherham | 5 | 4 | 4 | 14 | 12 | 2 |
| Sheff Wed | 7 | 4 | 3 | 16 | 10 | 4 |
| Port Vale | 4 | 7 | 2 | 17 | 13 | 1 |
| Plymouth | 3 | 4 | 6 | 15 | 16 | 3 |
| Hereford | 5 | 6 | 3 | 17 | 15 | 0 |
| Peterborough | 3 | 8 | 3 | 22 | 21 | 1 |
| Bradford | 5 | 4 | 2 | 22 | 19 | 1 |

ENGLISH DIVISION FOUR

| | W | D | L | F | A | P |
|--------------|----|---|---|----|----|---|
| Waltham | 12 | 1 | 1 | 33 | 10 | 9 |
| Southend | 7 | 5 | 2 | 22 | 11 | 9 |
| Barnsley | 10 | 2 | 1 | 28 | 9 | 1 |
| Aldershot | 9 | 5 | 0 | 24 | 7 | 3 |
| Swansea | 9 | 3 | 2 | 28 | 11 | 3 |
| Brentford | 8 | 5 | 2 | 29 | 15 | 3 |
| Stockport | 10 | 3 | 1 | 30 | 10 | 1 |
| Newport | 10 | 3 | 0 | 29 | 12 | 2 |
| Torquay | 8 | 5 | 1 | 27 | 12 | 2 |
| Huddersfield | 9 | 4 | 1 | 29 | 10 | 0 |
| Reading | 9 | 2 | 2 | 23 | 12 | 4 |
| Wrexham | 8 | 4 | 2 | 13 | 7 | 2 |
| Bournemouth | 7 | 3 | 4 | 15 | 12 | 2 |
| Northampton | 7 | 4 | 2 | 24 | 18 | 3 |
| Doncaster | 6 | 4 | 2 | 21 | 13 | 3 |
| Scunthorpe | 6 | 3 | 3 | 22 | 9 | 0 |
| Crewe | 7 | 4 | 2 | 23 | 17 | 2 |
| York | 7 | 3 | 4 | 20 | 18 | 1 |
| Waltham | 5 | 5 | 4 | 17 | 11 | 5 |
| Widnes | 3 | 8 | 4 | 21 | 21 | 3 |
| Southport | 2 | 9 | 2 | 19 | 17 | 1 |
| Hartlepool | 6 | 1 | 5 | 15 | 16 | 0 |
| Rochdale | 4 | 4 | 5 | 18 | 15 | 0 |

SCOTTISH PREMIER DIVISION

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|---------------------------|------|---|---|----|----|---|------|---|----|----|----|---|
| | HOME | | | | | | AWAY | | | | | |
| | W | D | L | F | A | P | W | D | L | F | A | P |
| Rangers | 8 | 2 | 1 | 25 | 12 | 7 | 7 | 2 | 2 | 24 | 13 | 3 |
| Aberdeen | 8 | 3 | 1 | 23 | 9 | 5 | 2 | 4 | 15 | 12 | 3 | 5 |
| Partick | 7 | 1 | 2 | 14 | 10 | 3 | 3 | 6 | 16 | 22 | 2 | 2 |
| Dundee Utd | 5 | 2 | 3 | 17 | 11 | 4 | 4 | 7 | 6 | 6 | 2 | 4 |
| Motherwell | 7 | 2 | 3 | 21 | 12 | 2 | 2 | 7 | 9 | 17 | 2 | 5 |
| Hibernian | 5 | 2 | 3 | 13 | 7 | 3 | 2 | 6 | 7 | 13 | 2 | 5 |
| Celtic | 6 | 2 | 3 | 16 | 10 | 2 | 1 | 7 | 15 | 21 | 1 | 1 |
| St Mirren | 5 | 3 | 4 | 19 | 18 | 2 | 1 | 7 | 13 | 10 | 1 | 1 |
| Ayr | 4 | 2 | 5 | 12 | 17 | 3 | 2 | 6 | 12 | 24 | 1 | 2 |
| Clydebank | 3 | 1 | 5 | 8 | 16 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 4 | 22 | 1 |